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EAST WEST RAIL

## New study suggests MassDOT vastly underestimates potential ridership

By Michael Harrison  
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PALMER — While a more than trillion-dollar national infrastructure plan remains in flux pending a vote in the House of Representatives, officials in Western Mass. who want a portion of it to fund a new east-west passenger rail that would include a station in Palmer are fighting back against a MassDOT study they say vastly underestimates potential ridership and its economic impact.

Recently, state Sen. Eric Lesser, whose district will expand to include Palmer in the 2022 election

cycle, held a virtual press conference with Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, Kimberly H. Robinson, executive director of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and Lyle Wray, executive director emeritus of the Capitol Region Council of Governments to announce new ridership findings from a study PVPC participated in that show MassDOT may have shorted its project by more than 50%. Lesser, Robinson, and Wray again discussed the new study during Lesser's weekly Lunchtime Livestream on Facebook Oct. 22.

The East-West Rail Sketch Level Ridership Forecast Update showed that with the inclusion of direct ser-

vice to the Hartford Line in the East-West Rail forecast, ridership estimates increase by 54% with about 300,000 more riders than MassDOT forecast. Lesser, Sen. Anne Gobi, state Rep. Todd Smola, and members of the Palmer Rail Steering Committee have complained about the absence of that data in the MassDOT study since it was released nearly a year ago. In addition to the new estimates, major takeaways from last Friday's 30-minute discussion were calculations that building the proposed rail line will yield a 10-to-1 return on investment and help create around 40,000 new jobs over 30 years.

"If I could get that in a stock to-

day, I think we'd all sign up," Robinson said.

Lesser made the point that expanded rail helped drive a population increase and economic growth in the Worcester area and that it's a model that should be repeated.

"This broadens the argument for rail," he said.

Robinson said while many people might have a dim view of government in general, "infrastructure is one area where government really shines. When government invests in infrastructure," private investment tends to follow with new businesses, homes, education institutions, and everything else a thriving population needs.

Wray said the cost-to-benefit analysis in the MassDOT report is skewed by overestimating the cost at around \$2.4 billion — money that could be included in the Commonwealth's portion of an eventual federal infrastructure package if Gov. Baker and MassDOT request it.

"The costs in the rail study are very high," Wray said.

"We need to sharpen our pencils to make sure our numbers are not inflated. There's a lot of ways to do value engineering and cut costs."

Lesser said the proposed east-west rail, which would take passengers from Springfield to Boston in a shade under two hours, is bigger than

just the region he represents.

"East-west rail is going to do more than link two regions, it's going to link all of Western New England with all of Eastern New England," he said.

"MassDOT needs to take this research into account and update their feasibility study to include the economic impact analysis prepared by PVPC and CRCOG as well as this forecast update from AECOM. Now is the time for East-West Rail and with partners like Mayor Bronin, PVPC, CRCOG, and our federal delegation, I believe that we can get this

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# TRUNK or Treat



Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden

Several residents stopped by to participate in the Old Mill Pond Elementary PTO Trunk or Treat. Please see page 16 for more photos.



Emily Provost and Lizzie Torres arrive to Trunk or Treat early to stack up on candy.

GOVERNMENT



Sen. Fattman



Sen. Lesser



Sen. Gobi

## Many local towns will have a new state senator next year

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REGION — For the first time in nearly a decade, many residents will soon have a new senator in the state legislature and it has nothing to do with how they cast their ballots in last year's election.

Every 10 years, following the U.S. Census, is a period of district realignment to reflect any changes in the population of towns. New maps headed for approval by the legislature mean some new faces showing up in your mailbox and new names on next year's ballots.

One change is that Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spenser) will no longer represent local towns as more than a dozen communities were removed from her district and added to the district now represented by Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton). One exception, however, is Palmer, which will be added to Sen. Eric Lesser's (D-Longmeadow) district.

Lesser also picked up Warren and South Hadley. Ware will remain part of Gobi's district.

Fattman's district will expand to include Monson, Brimfield, Hol-

land, Wales, Sturbridge, and Charlton.

All three have been serving in the Mass. Senate since 2015 and were re-elected last year. Both Gobi and Fattman served on the Special Joint Committee on Redistricting that created the boundaries. Gobi was the committee's vice chair. Some new majority-minority districts were created in the some of the Commonwealth's eastern towns whose populations increased since the last census, while it was inevitable Western Mass. would experience a contraction.

"Redistricting is always difficult, especially losing towns I have enjoyed working with and for," Gobi said.

"It was important for me and my Western Mass Senate colleagues to make sure that Western Mass. did not lose a senate seat. I am very glad we prevented that loss. As a result, my current senate district is being changed dramatically. I lose thirteen of my current twenty-eight communities. I will continue along with my entire staff to work for all

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COMMUNITY

## Family searches for missing turtle

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MONSON — At times, a pet is not just an animal, but a prominent member of its owner's family.

This is the case for Lucy, a Gulf Coast box turtle, who has been in the Coukos family for over 35 years. Since Labor Day, this turtle has been missing and since her disappearance, the search for her has not ceased.

The main nonprofit organization, who has overseen tracking Lucy down is the Turtle Rescue League. Director and Co-founder of the organization, Natasha Nowick, said Lucy was exercising in



her backyard on Maxwell Road, before she ended up missing.

"Unfortunately, the fencing is not necessarily box turtle approved," Nowick said. "She had gotten out either under the fence

or through one of the few gaps that were available and wandering to the property beyond the fence."

Nowick also said most turtles have a typical range that doesn't

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## Monson Museum of Art debuts collection

By Nicole Acevedo  
Correspondent

On Saturday, Oct. 23, the Monson Art Council debuted their newly-formed Monson Museum of Art at the House of Art on 200 Main St.

The event began at noon and ran until 5 p.m., to which the public was welcomed to a reception celebrating an initial exhibit of 56 pieces held in conjunction with the dedication of updated galleries at 2 p.m.

Following the passing of late Art Show Committee member, Dr. Jean Porwoll, the Council received a generous gift of artwork from her estate in 2011. These works were held onto for years, as Museum Committee members sifted through them to see what was salvageable and what needed to be let



Correspondent photos

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**SOLDIER**

A 10 year-old Alaskan Malamute/Siberian Husky mix, Soldier, who lives with Jennifer and Shane Hestad in Three Rivers, "is 110 pounds of hair and will sing for treats," Jennifer says. "He's the friendliest dog you'll ever meet, truly a gentle giant."

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usually go beyond a square mile. “Lucy of course is not in her original home range, but she most likely doesn’t remember her full range, being 35 years in captivity,” Nowick said. “Very likely, Lucy is probably still within about a square mile of the home. The bright side of this situation is that this is a fantastic habitat or a cousin species of hers because we do have native Eastern Box turtles in Massachusetts, which are related to Lucy. Lucy is a Gulf Coast box turtle, so her colorization is a little bit, so we have every reason to believe that she still is close by.”

Andrew Coukos and Tami Prince, who are the current owners of Lucy, are appreciative of the support they are receiving from the rescue league and fellow volunteers.

"It's heartbreaking," Coukos said. "Just the fact that those guys are willing to give their time and energy. I just really appreciate it."

If anyone in the area thinks they found Lucy, they are advised by the rescue league to mark the location with an exact address, put the turtle in a box and contact board member Michaela Conder at [michaela.turtlerescue@gmail.com](mailto:michaela.turtlerescue@gmail.com) or on Facebook and Instagram. Also, the league will be conducting one last search on Sat., Oct. 30, and will be meeting at the Turtle Rescue League facility in Southbridge, for an orientation at 10 a.m. For more information on the last search, email [conder@well](mailto:conder@well).

Coukos also said anyone who has spotted Lucy can text him at 978-767-8012, to determine whether the person has found Lucy.

# Foundation installs native plant garden at Monson Library

**MONSON** —The Norcross Wildlife Foundation, in conjunction with the Monson Free Library, is installing a native plant wildlife garden at the library this fall.

This garden is the work of Alyssa Diodato, one of four interns at Norcross who chose to make the garden her project during her time at Norcross this season.

“At first I chose to do something I wanted to try more of,” Diodato said, “namely garden design and installation, but then I realized it was a perfect opportunity for community outreach. I wanted to use my project to benefit the local community”

The garden is a mix of different native species and will supply both nectar and host sites for native bees, butterflies, birds, and other forms of wildlife in addition to being a valuable educational resource and a beautiful space for library visitors to sit and enjoy.

Hundreds of plugs (small established plants) were planted by Diodato and a team of library volunteers this past Fri-

day with more work to come over the next week. In addition to the plugs Diodato hand-sewed numerous native seeds onto the site.

The slower-growing plugs will fill in over time, Diodato said, while the species that were sown as seed should start to flower and fill in quickly. The plants are a mix of species that should bloom from spring until fall.

"I hope that this garden will provide forage and habitat for pollinators in an urban landscape, as well as beautify the library and make a case for native plant gardening in Monson," Diodato said.

"I hope people enjoy it! Honestly, I'm most excited to see the mountain mint next spring! It's not as showy as the other flowers, but provides a lovely fragrance."

Diodato is working with Norcross's Director of Applied Ecology, Dan Wilder, who manages the Norcross internship program. When asked about the project, Wilder said, "Alyssa's project was unique in that it reached outside of sanctuary



Courtesy photos

**The Broad leaf mountain mint, *Pycnanthemum muticum*.**

lands. It was a great opportunity to bring the importance of native plants into downtown

Monson and I was particularly excited to work with the Monson Free Library on it."

# See, Learn Magic

**PALMER** — Ed the Wizard's "Magic for Seniors" performance will be held at the Palmer Council on Aging, 1029 Central Street in Palmer, at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29. From mind-reading to coins to cards, there is something magical for all. Several impromptu magic effects will be taught so that the patrons can perform for their grandchildren and others. Be prepared to be amazed, and possibly volunteer, with Ed the Wizard's award winning performance.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Palmer Cultural Council a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. For more information, call 413-283-2670.



# Library hosts Ashe rep

A staff member from state Rep.e Brian Ashe's office will be available to meet with residents at the Monson Library on the following dates from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.: Nov. 17, and Dec. 15. If you are not able to attend and have an issue or concern, contact Robin Frechette at 413-272-3922 for assistance.

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communities in my current district during this transition phase.”

Lesser also said he was concerned the region was in danger of losing representation.

"From the start of this process, my most important goals were protecting Western Mass' overall representation by ensuring we maintained at least six senators for our four-county region, and that Springfield's legislative power was maintained by keeping two state senators," Lesser said.

"Both of those objectives have been met, despite challenging overall census numbers, especially as population continued to shift east. I'm very excited to continue to represent Chicopee and Springfield, and to also add new communities of South Hadley, Palmer, and Warren. I am looking forward to getting to know and work in partnership with those communities on behalf of their residents and families."

Fattman said he's already getting aquatinted with some of his new consistent.

"I am excited to be gaining seven new towns in my district through Upton, Charlton, Sturbridge, Holland, Brimfield, Wales, and Monson," he said.

"I am also picking up precincts two and four of Northbridge, which I previously didn't represent. I have already started to visit the new towns of my district, and I have had introductory meetings with many people who care deeply about these towns and are well-versed on the issues that are of utmost importance to their residents. I am eager to continue my visits to these new towns, and I look forward to the privilege of representing my new constituents as their senator in General Court."

After final approval, the new district maps will be in effect for the 2022 election cycle. To learn more about the process, go to [malegislature.gov/redistricting](https://malegislature.gov/redistricting).



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### MASSDOT

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done to create jobs, address skyrocketing housing costs, and increase economic opportunity for all of our communities.”

Bronin agreed. “This analysis proves what we already know: East-West Rail between Springfield and Boston will make a huge difference for communities in our region,” Bronin said.

“Increasing rail connectivity between cities in the Northeast isn’t just about convenience, it’s about job creation, housing opportunity, and economic growth. I want to thank Senator Lesser for his partnership and his leadership on behalf of Southern Massachusetts, as well as the PVPC and everyone at CRCOG, and of course Congressman Neal, who has been a tireless advocate for East-West Rail. East-West rail is long, long overdue, and we need to work together to make it a reality now.”

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go of. Over the course of the last year, the Committee has worked diligently in refurbishing many of the pieces with support from generous funds donated in memory of Sylvia Pyzocha, and a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Approximately 135 pieces of the Council’s permanent collection came from Porwoll’s estate, growing the total accumulation to around 350 works of art.

Most of the art displayed at the Museum’s opening day belongs to their permanent series, and will be rotated throughout the year.

## Deadline for Palmer Cultural Council grants extended

PALMER — The Palmer Cultural Council is still accepting proposals for arts-related grants.

All local residents, organizations, and schools are encouraged to apply.

The deadline was Oct. 15, but has been extended to Nov. 1.

According to Council spokesperson Beth Zelazo, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Palmer – including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

The Palmer Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the

nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

This year, the Palmer Cultural Council will distribute about \$11,400 in grants. Previously funded projects include: a Domestic Violence Poster Exhibit by Stephen Lewis, Davis Bates-storyteller, Dr. “The Machine” Jesse Green from American Chainsaw demonstration, Ed The Wizard-magician, Hilltown Families – A community-based Education Network, Len Longstreeth – musician, Kirk Whipple – musician, Dance Program and Nolumbeka Project – educational program on Native Americans. Palmer Cultural Council

Funding Priorities for fiscal year 2022 are:

- A high priority will be given to projects that encourage community involvement and a diverse audience.

- Artists and groups must have booked a program date and time with a local venue. A confirmation of venue letter must be submitted with your application.

- Organizations or individuals that have received funding for the last three years will receive lower priority.

For local guidelines and complete information on the Palmer Cultural Council, contact Zelazo at [palmerculturalcouncil.com](mailto:palmerculturalcouncil.com). Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at [mass-culture.org](http://mass-culture.org).

## What’s happening at the Palmer Library?

*The Palmer Public Library at 1455 North Main Street, has all new programs for teens and young adults this month while existing favorite activities, such as the Writers Circle, Anime Club, and Book Club continue. For more information and to register for events when required, go to [palmerlibrary.org](http://palmerlibrary.org).*

*To speak with a librarian, call 413-283-3330.*

Here’s what’s new:  
**Teen Take & Make Craft: Book Page Pumpkin Garland**  
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Registration Required. Kits picked up in house or via curbside services for the entire month of October!

(See our website or email [bkennedy@palmerlibrary.org](mailto:bkennedy@palmerlibrary.org) or call 413-283-3330 ext.128)

**Teen Halloween Party! 4:30-8 p.m. Oct. 30 For ages 13-18**

Costume Contest, games, crafts, snacks, pizza!  
Outdoor movie screening of

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark (PG-13) from 6-8 p.m.

Party hosted in the fenced side yard of the library/back parking lot. Pickup and drop off at front of building (street facing side in the horseshoe).

Registration Encouraged but not required. Sign up on our website or email [bkennedy@palmerlibrary.org](mailto:bkennedy@palmerlibrary.org) or Call 413-283-3330x128

This is a special after-hours event. The library will NOT be open to the general public during the event.

## ‘Bulky Day’ returns for unloading furniture, etc.

For the first time since 2017, the Town of Palmer is holding a “Bulky Day” from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 30, at the DPW, 1015 Bridge Street, Palmer to unload furniture, electronics and more. There is a fee schedule to dump various items as follows:

Furniture: Chair, \$10; Loveseat, \$15; Sofa, \$20; Sofa (sleeper), \$30;

Mattress/Boxspring Up to Queen Size, \$30, (King Size, \$30);

Metal Items: Bicycle, \$10; Gas Grill (no propane tank), \$10; Hot Water Heater, \$10; Lawn Mower (no gas or oil), \$25; White Metal (Dishwasher, Dryer, Stove, Washer), \$10; Misc. Metal (per cubic yard), \$25.

Waste Ban/Misc. items – CFC’S (A/C, Dehumidifier, Freezer, Refrigerator, \$30; CRTs (Television/Computer Monitors), \$30;

Tires: Off rim, \$4 each; On rim, \$15.

*Questions? Call DPW: 413-283-2615*

## Crafters, artisans and vendors needed

BRIMFIELD — St. Christopher’s Parish, Brimfield is seeking crafters and artisans for its annual Christmas Craft Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the church, 16 Sturbridge Road in Brimfield.

Tables are \$35 each and covers both days for vendors to display and sell their goods. Additional activities will be happening including raffles and the kitchen will be serving throughout the day. To reserve a spot, call the parish at 413-245-7274 days or email [Stchriscwc@gmail.com](mailto:Stchriscwc@gmail.com). Required Covid protocols at the time of the fair will be in place.

## Monson special meeting Nov. 1

MONSON — The Town of Monson will have a Special Town Meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, Granite Valley School auditorium.

View the warrant online at [monson-ma.gov](http://monson-ma.gov).

The deadline for anyone who is not currently a registered voter in Monson to register to vote for this meeting is Oct. 22.

For inquiries, contact the Monson Town Clerk’s office at 413-267-4115 or [townclerk@monson-ma.gov](mailto:townclerk@monson-ma.gov). Register to vote online at [sec.state.ma.us/ovr](http://sec.state.ma.us/ovr).



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One of the many pieces of art on display at the Monson Museum of Art at the House of Art.

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# Viewpoints

## Getting a better grip on plastic bags

By Joan E. B. Coombs  
Guest columnist

Again the struggle happened. It has been, and still is, a never ending battle. Knowing that almost everyone fights it from time to time, gives me comfort. One day all of these skirmishes will cease, but only when the necessary changes take place. Until then, we just have to deal with handling each situation. Each time. Every week.

Standing in full view of strangers, similar scenes happen. Grimaces. Groans. Clenched teeth. And, finally, only the rubbing of hand palms together-- along with blowing spurts of air-- brings success. My former Girl Scout days of making a campfire prepared me well for moments like this. And, finally when struggles are over, the whole department rejoices.

When handling each confrontation, stature doesn't matter. Even big, tall men tussle, tug and almost come to blows with frustration. Every day, people by the dozens battle this tension trap in public arenas.

The size doesn't matter either. Pint. Quart. Plain or gussied. It's all the same. And, often "100% Satisfaction Guaranteed" is printed on most materials, making what feels impossible seem eventually possible.

Someday I'll get up the courage to share my concerns. It may happen after my next puffed-out boxing match at our local supermarket's produce department. The problem? The hanging, "convenient" plastic bags. However, there will be the ritual of trying to p-a-t-i-e-n-t-l-y rub open the top (as opposed to the sealed bottom), of the plastic bag. And, yet, still be prepared for subdued, knock-down, dragged-out frantic attempts to open it.

Then, again, do you suppose that maybe a support group could be formed to help us all to handle these items better?

Perhaps the classified ad would read: "Struggling with produce department bags? Join 'Poly Pluckers Anonymous! Go from cope to hope! Learn how to courageously conquer any size plastic bag with ease. Techniques shared at each meeting. Bring your own bags to practice on. No fee. Public is invited to get a better grip on things."

GUEST  
COLUMNIST



JOAN E. B. COOMBS



## Multi-colored corn, candy and then some

Earlier today I was out shopping for Halloween treats. Something enticing to make for my younger daughter's classmates. I came up with a party mix that has candy corn as one of the ingredients. I purchased a couple of bags, remembering this fun article that I had written a few years back. Low and behold, there is still such a holiday as National Candy Corn Day, and it takes place this coming Saturday, Oct.30. Read on for a chuckle and a bit of trivia. Who knows, maybe it will come in handy some day!

If you also buy candy corn each Halloween, it turns out we aren't alone in our indulgence. The National Confectioners Association reports that more than 9 billion pieces are produced each year. Lay the tricolor triangles end to end and there would be enough to circle the moon four times! But what does this Halloween staple have to do with gardening? It's a bit of a stretch, but read on and find out.

Candy corn has been around for well over a century. George Renninger, a candy maker for the Wunderlee Candy Company invented the confection in the 1880s. He intended it to look like a kernel of field corn. Around 1898, the Goelitz Candy Company (now the Jelly Belly Candy Co.) began mass producing it. It was popular among farmers because of its agrarian look and the general public who considered a tri-colored candy revolutionary for its time.

Since there is no patent on candy corn, a handful of companies make it. Both Brach Confection's and Jelly Belly report that sales of this candy in particular carried their companies through such trying economic times as World War I, World War II and the Great Depression. In case you don't get your fill of candy corn at Halloween, wait a few weeks and enjoy candy corn Thanksgiving-style; its brown segment is chocolate!

Besides filling our candy bowls with tri-color kernels during the harvest season, many of us decorate our front doors with a bow-tied bundle of colorful cobs. Although considered ornamental today, the white, blue, yellow and red varieties of corn were an important food crop to Native Americans. They depended on corn for nearly every meal, even during the winter months. Dried kernels could be ground into flour or meal, or puffed and stir-fried into a favorite dish called hominy. Taste colored corn for yourself by trying blue or red tortilla chips and gourmet popcorns, or even canned hominy, all available at the local grocery store.

Next spring, plan to grow your own 'ornamental' corn and then experiment with its many uses. One particular variety that merits a whirl in our relatively short growing season is 'Painted Mountain.' According to the Fedco Seeds catalog ([www.fedcoseeds.com](http://www.fedcoseeds.com)), it "tolerates high winds, cold soil, cold nights, as well as hot Julys and drought conditions." It tops off at five-foot tall and produces six to seven-foot-long cobs in every color known to corn. As expected, 'Painted Mountain' is great for ornamental use and is edible both fresh and dried. In fact, it matures so early that will dry on the stalk in August if planted by Memorial Day. The catalog recommends that you sow more seeds than necessary of this variety, and thin to 11 inches apart.

For right now, planting can wait. Pass the candy corn, please!

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IN THE  
GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid  
Columnist

## Letters to the Editor

### Burleigh Park logging is wrong

I can't believe the arrogance of Thorndike's fire and water district's Commissioners Curtin and Robak with comments about the logging and selling off of "their" trees next to Burleigh Park. No this is not private property. It's the property of the residents of Palmer, which Thorndike is part of, and paid for by us. The fire and water department, in case they've forgotten, work for us, the taxpayers. Because of this they should have had public hearings before selling the trees..

These woods are beloved by town residents as a place to hike and enjoy nature. They're also home to wildlife, 70% of which have disappeared due to logging and development. In case Mr. Robak and Ms. Curtin haven't noticed, our planet is in peril, perhaps even in hospice due to recklessness such as this. We're told time and again to save this planet we need to plant trees, because trees, especially the older ones, suck greenhouse gases from the atmosphere. Trees also protect our drinking water, stop runoff, and are mini reservoirs.

Mr. Robak said he had the approval of DCR, DCR and MassWildlife have their own issues being chain-saw happy. They've sold our trees to logging interests decimating many of our forests, parks and state lands that they oversee. Agawam residents fought DCR tooth and nail to save the Robinson State Park from logging. According to the Wendall State Forest Protectors, much of this wood goes to heavily polluting wood-burning biomass power plants.

Mr. Robak calls this short-term logging. Is this so they could log the trees quickly before anyone noticed? It will take decades to restore these woods. Who did they sell our trees to, and for how much? What will the wood will be used for? How much lobbying did these loggers do to twist the arms of the Thorndike Fire Department to sell our trees? I suggest the Fire Department and Water Department find other ways to raise money, such as bake sales. I know my water bills keep going up. We also need to replace Mr. Robak and Ms. Curtin with more conservation-minded commissioners.

Charlotte Burns,  
Chestnut Street, Palmer

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## SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

## Is taxing Social Security fair?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: Taxing Social Security benefits isn't fair. It would benefit everyone if seniors could earn as much as possible without having their Social Security taxed. We would still be paying into Social Security, which would help the fund. I also feel that all people earning over \$100,000 should pay into Social Security because they can afford it. This would help fund Social Security without hurting anyone financially. Many seniors are struggling financially and should be able to earn as much as we can without a portion of our Social Security being taxed. Signed: Overtaxed Senior

Dear Overtaxed Senior: Few would argue that paying income tax on Social Security benefits is fair. Nevertheless, Congress enacted taxation of Social Security benefits in 1983 as part of a reform package, which restored Social Security to solvency at the time. When the law was first enacted, 50% of Social Security benefits were taxable for single-tax filers who earned more than \$25,000, and for married couples who earned more than \$32,000. That was the law until 1993 when Congress added another threshold for both single and married filers. The 1993 law allowed up to 85% of Social Security benefits to be taxed for single filers who earned more than \$34,000 and for married filers earning more than \$44,000.

Ever since enacted, those laws have been viewed as unfair by many senior organizations, and especially by the individuals who paid income tax on their benefits. The unfortunate reality is that eliminating income tax on Social Security benefits, without also implementing other offsetting reforms, would exacerbate Social Security's now tenuous financial condition because income tax on benefits added \$41 billion to Social Security's revenue in 2020. Thus, calls today for repealing income tax on Social Security benefits go largely unheeded. It's worth noting that 13 U.S. states also levy a state income tax on Social Security benefits.

Although the payroll taxes you pay into Social Security while working are different from income taxes on your benefits, people earning over \$100,000 today do pay into So-

cial Security through a FICA tax (or self-employment tax) on their earnings. Paying this tax is what entitles you to receive Social Security benefits. The 2021 threshold after which Social Security contributions are no longer taken from earnings is \$142,800, and this amount goes up a bit each year. But even completely removing that payroll tax cap and further taxing higher earners would not fully resolve Social Security's current financial issues.

Social Security's Trustees predict that monthly benefits are at risk of reduction starting in 2034 unless Congress acts to reform the program. Eliminating income tax on benefits is one of many suggestions now being considered in reform proposals, as is increasing or eliminating the payroll tax cap. Whether Congress will include either of those suggestions in future Social Security reform legislation is anyone's guess.

So, while we agree that levying income tax on Social Security benefits amounts to "double taxation" because you also pay income tax on your earnings used to qualify for Social Security, taxing your Social Security income is, nevertheless, permitted under current law. As unpalatable as that law may be, and as unfortunate the effect is on struggling seniors, the AMAC Foundation can only offer guidance on how existing Social Security laws and regulations affect those who contact us. However, our parent company, the Association of Mature American Citizens, is very well aware that paying income tax on Social Security "isn't fair" and regularly lobbies Congress on that topic.

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## Time to get flu shots

SPRINGFIELD – It's time to get your flu shot. And with good reason.

Health experts are predicting a more virulent flu season for 2021-2022 compared to one which was nearly nonexistent last year.

Last year's flu season was one of the mildest on record, which many attributed to the safety measures, especially mask wearing, taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19. But, this year's upcoming respiratory season may be different.

"Due to last year's low activity from flu and other respiratory viruses, such as coronaviruses, parainfluenza, and RSV, there is low population immunity that increases the risk of these respiratory infections co-circulating with COVID-19. In addition, relaxing some of the infection control measures, such as masking and social distancing, and more time indoors due to the cold weather, may contribute to the risk being greater this year," said Dr. Armando Paez, chief, Infectious Disease Division at Baystate Health.

"Increased flu vaccination for both adults and children could help reduce the risk of a more severe flu season which would result in what health professionals are calling a possible twindemic of flu and COVID-19," he said.

A contagious respiratory illness that strikes the U.S. beginning in October and lasting through May, the flu usually peaks from December through February. Each year about 9,000 to 45,000 people in the U.S. get infected, resulting in 140,000 to 810,000 hospitalizations and 12,000 to 61,000 deaths, most of them in adults 65 and older, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Ideally, the CDC recommends that everyone should be vaccinated by the end of October since the flu can begin in earnest at any time and it can take up to two weeks for the vaccine to build up antibodies to protect you from the flu.

"But it is never too late to get the flu shot to protect yourself throughout the long flu season," said Paez.

The CDC notes that flu shots are appropriate for most people, with rare exceptions for children younger than six months of age and those with severe, life-threatening allergies to any ingredient in the flu or who have had a previous severe allergic reaction to a dose of flu

vaccine.

There are standard-dose inactivated influenza vaccines that are approved for people as young as six months of age. Some vaccines are only approved for adults. For example, the recombinant influenza vaccine is approved for people age 18 years and older, and the adjuvant and high-dose inactivated vaccines are approved for people 65 years and older. The nasal spray vaccine is approved for people 2 through 49 years of age. Many people in this age group can receive the nasal spray vaccine, including people with egg allergies.

Paez said that pregnant women and adults with chronic health conditions, such as asthma, heart disease and stroke, chronic kidney disease, and diabetes, as well as adults 65 years and older who are at higher risk of developing serious complications from the flu should get the vaccine as soon as possible.

Yet another concern, according to Paez, "If you have a weakened immune system after contracting COVID-19, it can leave you at risk for getting a more severe case of the flu, or vice versa."

"Although breaking news stories are focusing on COVID-19 vaccines for our kids, pediatricians and parents should not forget how important it is to get your children the flu vaccine," said

Dr. John O'Reilly, chief of the Division of General Pediatrics at Baystate Children's Hospital.

"Influenza has always been a significant illness in children. Kids under 5, kids with asthma, children with serious underlying pulmonary, cardiac, neurologic, or immune system illnesses are at particular risk for a serious influenza infection. During the 2019-2020 Influenza season, 199 children died of the flu, so we need to protect our kids from this deadly disease."

The lack of a significant flu season last year means that many of our kids under 2 were not exposed to the flu and did not develop any natural antibodies.

"That means children under 2 are at particular risk for serious influenza this year. We need to protect our most vulnerable children by getting them vaccinated against the flu as soon as possible," said O'Reilly.





## Compost dates/times in Palmer

The following schedule will provide dates the compost area off of Old Warren Road in Palmer will be opened to allow town residents to drop off grass clippings and leaves during the fall months. Place lawn debris in brown paper bags, (no plastic bags allowed) and do not leave bags up against the locked gate. The town asks that you also practice social distancing.

Saturday, Oct. 30	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 31	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 7	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 13	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 14	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 20	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 21	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Children between six months and 8 years of age who have never received at least two doses of flu vaccine at any point in time during their lives (not necessarily during the same flu season) need two doses of flu vaccine, given at least four weeks apart, to be fully protected from flu.

"That means you should call your pediatrician's office today because you want to build up their immune system protection before influenza starts hitting our community hard," said O'Reilly.

Although most COVID 19 infections in children are mild, he is concerned about kids who might get COVID and influenza infections back to back.

"Both of these infections can cause inflammation and damage in the lungs. If a child has a COVID infection followed quickly by catching influenza, the likelihood of a more severe and damaging infection is greater," he said.

To prevent the possibility of a severe infection, O'Reilly recommends that parents get their children vaccinated against COVID as soon as they are eligible, and to get their flu shot as soon as possible.

"The latest recommendation is that you no longer need to wait between getting these two vaccines and the sooner we get our kids protected against these two serious illnesses, the sooner they can get safely back to doing what they have been missing during the last year and a half – enjoying time with friends and family," he said.

Paez said he is always asked by those skeptical about getting vaccinated: "Can the flu shot can give you the flu?" The answer is "No," he said.

This year he is being asked two additional questions: "Can the flu shot protect you from COVID-19?" "Unfortunately, the answer is also 'No,'" he said. And, "Can you get the flu and COVID-19 shots at the same time?" "Yes," he said.

While talking about the flu vaccine and its importance, it is equally important to be vaccinated for COVID-19 and receive the booster shot, if one is eligible.

Co-infection with other respiratory viruses can occur. It will be prudent to protect yourself with vaccination against preventable respiratory infections like the flu and COVID-19. Even if treatments are available for these conditions, vaccination remains the safest way to avoid complications or even dying from the infection. This will not only protect you, but also those around you. Masking, social distancing and frequent hand-washing may offer additional protection and help prevent the spread of the infection," said Paez.

For more information on Baystate Health, visit baystatehealth.org or for more information about Baystate Children's Hospital, visit baystatehealth.org/bch.

## Local restaurant server needs a hand after wreck

By Jonah Snowden  
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WARE – After experiencing a life-threatening car accident on Oct. 10, Sara Gucciardi is in need of financial assistance following a serious car wreck earlier this month.

Gucciardi, of Ware and a server at downtown Palmer's iconic Steaming Tender restaurant, is hoping a GoFundMe campaign can help bridge the financial gap she's experiencing along with fiancé Sandro Ramirez and son Malakhi Ramirez since the Oct. 10 wreck.

Gucciardi sustained serious injuries, which might take over 10 months to recover

from. Making matters worse, her car was totaled as well.

"I have my five-year-old that just started kindergarten," Gucciardi said.

"Luckily, we do live close to the school and my fiancé's been walking him back and forth to the school right now, but I'm still trying to keep things as normal as possible for him. Also, my fiancé was doing security and a month before school started, the company ended up dropping their contract and going with a new security firm out of nowhere. As of right now, he's getting unemployment and that's our only source of income right now, along with \$300 a month from the child tax credit."



Courtesy Photo  
**Ware resident Sara Gucciardi needs financial assistance following her life-threatening car accident on Oct. 10.**

Gucciardi currently has a GoFundMe open and is trying to raise \$10,000 to help with expenses. Not usually relying on others for help, Gucciardi

said she has appreciated the donations she has received thus far.

"I've never really reached out and asked people for help," Gucciardi said.

"I feel like I've always worked and have been on my own since I was 17. I've done everything by myself, but everybody's been very helpful to me, I am very appreciative of everything I've already received."

Not only has Gucciardi received support through her online campaign so far, but she also received support through her coworkers at the Steaming Tender. General Manager Scarlett Lamothe said she and other staff members have been in

constant contact.

"When we found out about what happened to Sarah, we automatically reached out to everyone here," Lamothe said.

"We hope for a quick recovery, but we know it's not going to be too quick at all. We do have customers coming in as well, asking about her. We also had some people donate some funds to her as well. There are customers here that miss her as well. She's a very lively spirit here and is always running around. We all talk to her to keep her in good spirits."

To contact the Gofundme organizer Emily Grenier or solicit a donation, visit gofundme.com and search "Help Sara with Accident Expenses."

## As Halloween nears, NFPA reminds everyone to keep fire safety top of mind

REGION- Halloween is a peak time of year for spooky celebrations and activities, but it also presents some truly scary fire safety hazards. As the holiday nears, the National Fire Protection Association is encouraging everyone to take simple precautions that can help ensure the holiday remains festively fun.

"It is exciting to be able to trick or treat, wear costumes, and celebrate Halloween, particularly after last year, when most events and activities were canceled due to the pandemic," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "As more people plan to celebrate the holiday this year, we want everyone to know where potential fire risks exist so they can take the steps needed to minimize them."

According to NFPA Applied Research, an annual average of 770 home structure fires began with decorations between 2014 and 2018, resulting in an annual average of two civilian fire deaths, 30 civilian fire injuries and \$11 million in direct property damage. More than two of every five (44%) of these fires occurred because the decorations were too close to a heat source, such as a candle or hot equipment.

NFPA offers these tips and guidelines for enjoying a fire-safe Halloween:

- **Decorations:** Many common decorations like cornstalks, crepe paper, and dried flowers are very flammable. Keep these and similar decorations far away from any open flames or heat sources, like candles, heaters, and light bulbs.

- **Candles:** Using candles as decoration can be risky if not done correctly.

Keep them in a well-attended area out of the path of potential trick-or-treaters. Remind children of the dangers of open flames, and make sure they are always supervised when candles are lit. Extinguish candles before leaving an area.

- **Jack-o-lanterns:** Glow sticks or electric candles are the safest choice when it comes to lighting up your jack-o-lantern, but if you choose to use a real candle, do so with extreme caution. Light a candle inside a jack-o-lantern using long fireplace matches or a utility lighter and keep it away from other decorations.

- **Costumes:** Avoid fabric that billows or trails behind you, as these can easily ignite. If you are making your own costume, avoid loosely woven fabrics like linen and cotton, which can be very flammable.

- **Visibility:** Give children flashlights or glowsticks for lighting, these can even be incorporated into the costume. If your child has a mask, ensure the eye holes are large enough for them to see clearly.

- **Smoke Alarms:** This is a great time to make sure your smoke alarms are functional and up to date.

- **Exits:** Exits are not an appropriate place for decorations. When decorating, ensure that nothing is blocking any escape routes.

"With a little added awareness and planning, people can enjoy a fun-filled Halloween and keep everyone fire-safe in the process," said Carli.

Visit the NFPA Halloween safety page for more resources of how to stay safe. Frightfully fun activities for kids can be found on NFPA's Sparky the Fire Dog homepage.



## Pop culture influences Halloween trends

By Nicole Acevedo  
Correspondent

Pop culture has been influencing social trends for decades, however, it really sinks its teeth in when the spooky season arrives. Halloween time is filled with horror films, fright fests, haunted hayrides, and the opportunity to dress up as your favorite television or movie character.

This year, Netflix's Squid Game is expected to dominate costume parties, as it has officially become the streaming platform's most popular show in history with 142 households sampling the title.

According to an Instagram poll, 87% of voters agreed that the hit show's blue jumpsuits would be the most worn look of the season, although some costume staples are expected to remain. With the power of social media comes the ability to revive and skyrocket iconic cult classics back into the modern world.

In 2020, viral video-sharing app -- TikTok -- flooded For You Pages with popular costume ideas such as Scooby-Doo characters and Winx Club fairies. 42% of Instagram pollers reported the latter being their secondary choice for top costume.

Recently, the streaming app resurrected an iconic audio snippet from 90s horror-classic, Scream. The viral sound, "Okay, let's see. No, please don't kill me Mr. Ghostface, I want to be in the sequel," has been used in over 90,000

videos. The majority of these incorporate the infamous Ghostface mask, originally worn by Skeit Ulrich in the film's debut.

As the Scream franchise is only one of many beloved and iconic horror films from the turn of the millennium, it makes sense that with October in full-swing, others would make a comeback as well.

With Megan Fox making major headlines alongside boyfriend Machine Gun Kelly, her 2009 horror-comedy Jennifer's Body is catching the attention of Gen. Zs.

The film centers around Fox playing Jennifer Check, a demon-possessed high school hottie whose only appetite is for the flesh of boys. Originally, the film underperformed at the box office and received mixed reviews from critics; however, it's clear that in 2021 Fox has found her audience. The satirical horror film has earned high praise from contemporary viewers, catapulting it into the pool of "cult classics."

Fox's Jennifer has quickly become an admired character that many have decided to use as inspiration for their Halloween ensembles. With a pink zip-up hoodie and dark pair of jeans, turning yourself into the iconic male-devouring Check has never been easier.

With every year producing new fan-favorite television and cinematic masterpieces for followers to turn into spooktacular costumes, who knows what the next pop culture trend will bring.



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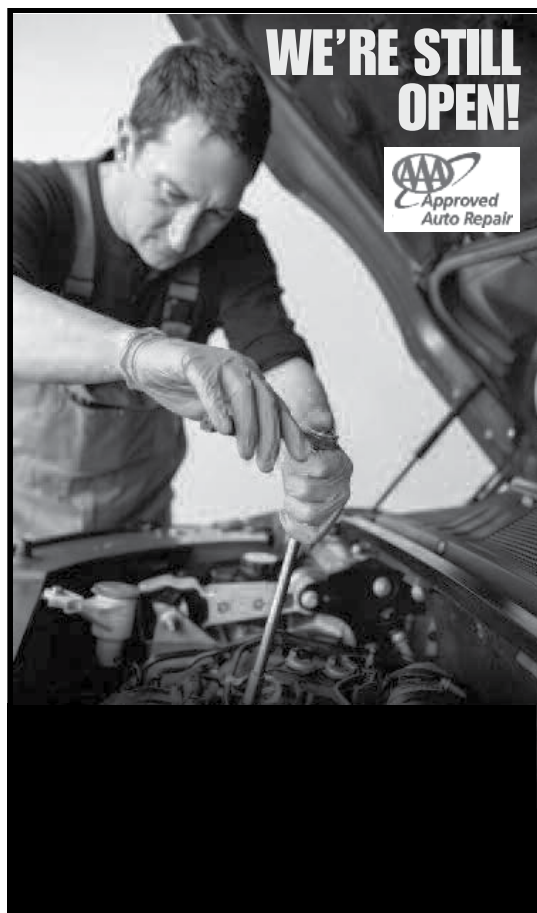
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# Board hears about new businesses

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

STURBRIDGE – At their meeting last week, the SelectBoard heard a report from Nelson Burlingame, Building Commission and Zoning Enforcement official, provided reports for the months of June, July, August, and September to the board to review.

He outlined some of the larger projects happening in town, and their status. Days Inn on Route 15 is upgrading the inside of their building and bringing it up to code. Some of the previous changes to the building were never documented so they are rectifying that.

Property at 9 Holland Road was ordered to be boarded up by the Building Department and the owner has not completed it yet. The department is working with the owner to come up with a solution to the issue.

Cold storage buildings located at 6 Picker Road and 90 Charlton Road are both underway. The Picker Road location has a lot of its site work completed including a bridge crossing over wetlands and pouring foundation and floors. Blasting was also completed, and a retaining wall was installed. Burlingame said they are still blasting at the Charlton Road site.

Burlingame said many people have inquired about the opening status of Rapsallion Pub located at 3 Arnold Road. He said the building has been inspected and they are

cleared to open.

Other projects happening in town include façade work at Edwards Gas at 40 Main St., in addition to Cornerstone Bank. Dunkin’ Donuts has also renovated and changed their signage. A new deli wants to open in the old Jimmy D’s property.

Burlingame said Stageloft Theater has moved out of their building and the location is now home to a church. He said a licensed plumbing store has also opened. The former JC Penney store will be divided into three separate spaces, one of which will become a Planet Fitness. Teddy G’s has purchased the former Friendly’s building, and will open a hamburger restaurant.

**DPW report**

Butch Jackson, Department of Public Works Director presented his Aug. and Sept. reports. He said they have milled and paved Blueberry Lane and are backing up berm. They also painted lines and are preparing for winter. The winter parking ban goes into effect Nov. 1.

Jackson said they had difficulty installing a sun shade system for Parks and Recreation. They received a funds transfer from the Finance Committee to hire a professional to install the system.

The board moved and accepted road salt bids for winter 2021-2022, as well as establishing a rate for private contractors performing plowing. The board also appointed

Andrew McDermott to the position of heavy equipment operator.

Jackson requested the board accept a \$50 gift card to Dunkin’ Donuts that he received from an anonymous donor who congratulated his department for keeping the roads in great shape. The board approved his request.

**Pole hearing**

A public hearing was held during the Board of Selectmen’s meeting last week to discuss the possible relocation of a utility pole on Farquhar Road. Connor Reynolds, a representative from National Grid, and Tom Chamberland, from the Trails Committee spoke about a section of the Grand Trunk Trail.

In order to make the trail safer for users, Chamberland said they looked into different design possibilities for a 200-foot section of Farquhar Road. They contacted National Grid, which advised the committee that they could move pole #24 across the street and install a “kicker” pole.

Chamberland said the other option is the placement of two poles to mitigate the angle, but they felt moving the one pole was the better choice.

The board moved and approved the relocation of pole #24 to accommodate the Grand Trunk Trail project.

**Town Administrator**  
Town Administrator Jeff

Bridges said they town will no longer be represented by state Sen. Anne Gobi but rather state Sen. Ryan Fattman.

He said the town has been certified for \$6.2 million in free cash by the state. SelectBoard Chairman Mary Blanchard said the town’s free cash has been growing annually and they should look at their budget.

**Liquor license change**

Anita Dempsey, representing Uno’s Restaurants LLC, requested its new CEO and president be listed on the license as well as Brad Boston, as their company’s bylaws require three officers be listed on the license. The board moved and approved the amendment as presented by Dempsey.

**Farmer’s pouring permit**

Errica Devarenne principal owner of Deep Roots Distillery USA came before the board seeking a farmer’s pouring permit for their craft distillery proposed at 559 Main Street. Devarenne said they are a small batch craft spirit distillery, using all natural products. They will partner with local businesses for produce and other ingredients to flavor their spirits.

Deep Roots Distillery USA will offer tasting opportunities to customers which is the reason they are seeking a pouring permit. Devarenne said they have submitted their application for their Farmer Distillery License with the state

and it is under review.

The board moved and approved the Farmer’s Pouring Permit contingent of the state’s approval and any necessary public hearing and other permits.

**Appointment**

Bridges introduced Michelle Garman as a candidate for executive secretary to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator, filling the vacancy left by Alexandra McConnon. The board moved and approved the appointment of Garman to the position with a starting salary of \$20.85 per hour.

**Burgess School Committee**

The board will have a joint meeting on Nov. 1 with the remaining members of the Burgess School Committee to appoint a new member. Candidates for the school committee vacancy will attend the joint meeting in order to answer any questions posed by the board.

**New polling location**

Lynne Girouard, Town Clerk, proposed a new polling location for the town, as they are no longer able to use the Oliver Wight Tavern at Old Sturbridge Village due to expansion of the charter school. Girouard recommended the Sturbridge Worship Center, 9 Mashapaug Road, to be their new polling location. She said they have small compliances they will need to meet for ADA accessibility, but they are easy fixes. The board moved and

approved the new polling location.

The board also approved the re-precincting map as presented by Girouard.

**Crumbling foundation**

Residents at 12 Woodlawn Drive requested a waiver for a building permit fee to address their crumbling foundation. They purchased the house that was built in 1985, over 20 years ago. The residents said cracking in their foundation has accelerated to the point they have hired a structural engineer to assess it. The engineer classified the damage to the foundation as a Category 3, or the most severe, and recommended replacement.

“It’s a huge financial burden,” the residents said, and asked the town to waive permit fees for any work related to their crumbling foundation. The residents said it could be upwards of \$200,000 to replace the foundation.

The board approved the request to waive building permit fees related to the crumbling foundation at 12 Woodlawn Drive.

**School budget liaison**

SelectBoard member Ian Dunningan was appointed to be school budget liaison for the Burgess School Committee and Union 61 for fiscal 2023 budget hearings. SelectBoard Vice-Chairman Mary Dowling abstained from voting due to her work as a substitute teacher.

## WOMEN in business

### The traits of good leaders and how you can gain skills for success

Successful leaders have the skills to guide organizations on the right path. Such men and women are often the first up for promotions, and routinely relied on for critical projects. Solidifying your own leadership qualities can be just what you need to land a great job and start climbing the corporate ladder.

Good leaders often share a key array of skills. Below are some of the qualities that make strong workplace leaders.

**Communication:** Being able to communicate effectively with all of the people in your work environment and beyond is one of the most essential leadership skills you can possess. Honest communication can build trust and being open to feedback can ensure that everyone is working toward a common goal. Effectively communicating means knowing when to speak and when to listen.

**Self-management:** It can be challenging to manage or oversee others if you can’t effectively take charge of your own tasks. Being able to self-manage involves gaining control and prioritizing goals and actions. However, it also extends to being able to manage emotions, recognize weaknesses and strengths and focus attention where it’s needed.

**Integrity:** Great leaders are trust-

ed by others. Consistently acting with decorum and respect and delivering on your promises will inspire others to trust you. Stick to your core beliefs and values.

**Confidence:** Effective leaders have the confidence to make decisions and stand by them. Note that there is a fine line between assertive confidence and being boastful or cocky. It may take a little while to develop the right balance that encourages others to support your efforts.

**Delegation:** Delegating tasks is not a sign of weakness. In fact, it is a quality consistently found in strong leaders. Being able to delegate means you have the confidence in others to share responsibilities based on their skill sets. Delegating also promotes teamwork and lets others know you’re not afraid to share success.

**Accountability:** Leaders make mistakes just like everyone else. Owning your mistakes like you own accomplishments is a good trait to have. Placing blame elsewhere when it’s not warranted can diminish others’ trust in you, while taking blame when it’s due will only increase that trust in you.

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# Baystate Health reaches a milestone in COVID-19 patient care

*Over 500 patients receive monoclonal antibody treatment*

SPRINGFIELD — Baystate Health has reached a milestone in its treatment of COVID-19 patients.

One of the leading area health systems to offer monoclonal antibody therapy for COVID patients beginning Dec. 9, 2020, with its first patient, has now treated its 500th patient. The antibody treatment may help the body's immune system to combat the deadly SARS-CoV-2, the virus behind COVID-19.

Since December, an incredible team of front-line healthcare providers and critical behind the scenes staff at Baystate Noble Hospital in Westfield, home to the program, has come together to develop and implement an effective program of antibody infusions for patients across the state. Staffed by Advanced Practice Providers (nurse practitioners and physician assistants) and registered nurses from the Springfield 3 Oncology Unit at Baystate Medical Center, the team members provide compassionate and professional care to those patients suffering from mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19.

Currently, Baystate is able to meet the monoclonal antibody treatment demands with the delta "surge" of COVID-19 cases disproportionately affecting western Massachusetts, where a significant portion of the population remains unvaccinated compared to other regions in the state. Since its inception at Baystate, up to 24 patients per day have been successfully infused with an efficient workflow and enhanced patient care strategies in place.

Dr. Armando Paez, chief of the Infectious Diseases Division at Baystate Medical Center, who also heads the Baystate COVID Monoclonal Antibody Infusion (MAI)

Team, noted he was ecstatic in December to learn that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) had approved the hospital to provide the novel treatment to eligible COVID-19 patients in western Massachusetts. He noted not all hospitals are equipped to administer monoclonal antibody therapy, which is a complicated, time-consuming process that requires detailed attention and follow up from highly-skilled professionals.

"Our work would not have been as successful from an operational standpoint without the effort of an amazing group of dedicated individuals working behind the scenes on the screening, scheduling, treatment and follow up of these patients," said Dr. Paez, who noted they have received a lot of positive feedback from patients on how they felt after receiving the therapy with few to no side effects.

"If not for the dedication, enthusiasm and flexibility of a small, but dedicated team, we could not have treated so many community members with COVID. It is a shining example of patient-centered care. We adapted our operations to meet the perpetual challenges of a rapidly changing pandemic, emergency use authorization and the needs of our most vulnerable community members," added Carolina Starr-Manning, MSN, RN, OCN, Nurse Manager on Springfield 3 Oncology and a member of the Monoclonal Antibody Infusions team.

And there is good news on two fronts since first administering monoclonal antibodies to patients.

The US Food and Drug Administration in November 2020 first issued an emergency use authorization for the monoclonal antibody to treat COVID-19 in high-risk patients with mild to moderate disease. Now, as of August 10, a specific monoclonal antibody "cocktail," casirivimab and imdevimab (REGEN-COV), has been further authorized to be given as a post-exposure prophylaxis (prevention) to the same high risk population who are not fully vaccinated or with immunocompromised health regardless of vaccination status after a "close contact" with someone with COVID-19, and Baystate is now treating these patients as well.

According to the FDA and more recent studies, the monoclonal antibody may reduce COVID-19-related hospitalizations and deaths in some patients treated early on in their infection (within 10 days of symptom onset) and in those who receive it after a "close contact" with someone with COVID-19.

Also, the infusion process to administer these monoclonal antibodies is now much simpler than when we began in December. The antibody cocktail can be given via infusion as short as 20 minutes or even by subcutaneous injection. Both still require an hour of post-treatment observation," he added.

Unlike the vaccines that stimulate one's own immune system to produce antibodies, monoclonal antibodies are given to treat early COVID-19 or as preventive treatment to help prevent progression of illness. With the addition of the post-exposure prophylaxis (prevention) this August, Baystate Health also started treating eligible patients for this indication.

Monoclonal antibodies are laboratory-made proteins that mimic the immune system's ability to fight off harmful pathogens such as viruses. Three currently available COVID-19 monoclonal antibody therapies — casirivimab and imdevimab, bamlanivimab and etesevimab, and sotrovimab are effective against SARSCoV2,

including the delta variant, the predominantly circulating variant at this time. These antibodies are specifically directed against the spike protein of SARS-CoV-2 designed to block the virus' attachment and entry into human cells.

"When used to treat COVID-19 for the authorized population, the known and potential benefits of these antibodies outweigh the known and potential risks," wrote the FDA.

The "authorized population" consists of patients ages 12 and older weighing about 88 pounds with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 testing and who are at high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19. This includes those who are 65 years of age or older who have certain chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease and other conditions that the CDC considers risk factors for severe disease. The monoclonal antibody treatment is not currently authorized for use in patients who are hospitalized with COVID-19 or in patients who need oxygen therapy due to COVID-19.

This is also not indicated for the fully vaccinated following an exposure to COVID-19 unless one develops COVID-19 despite being vaccinated and at risk for developing severe disease. It is important to note that this should not be considered as a replacement for COVID-19 vaccination to prevent infection.

"We are keeping people out of the hospital and fulfilling our passion to help those in need. We are so fortunate to have amazingly talented and professional team members who have risen to the challenges posed by the pandemic and have embraced the evolving science behind monoclonal antibodies," said Paula Brooks, DNP, FNP-BC, MBA, RNFA, Director of Advanced Practitioners at Baystate Health and Advanced Practice Provider Project Staffing Coordinator.

For more information about COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatment at Baystate Health, visit [baystatehealth.org/covid19/treatment/antibody](http://baystatehealth.org/covid19/treatment/antibody).

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Dain T. Nute and Abigail R. Morrison were married Oct. 16.

## Morrison-Nute wed

Dain T. Nute of Monson and Abigail R. Morrison were married Oct. 16, 2021, at 10 a.m. at Tristate Baptist Church in North Grosvenor Dale, Conn., by Pastor Troy Masterson in front of their family and friends.

The best man was David Croteau and the maid of honor was Amanda Croteau. The groomsmen were Scott Williams, Mason Messier, and Dan Morrison and the bridesmaids were Sevina Nute, Kayleigh Rodriguez and Makaila Rodriguez.

The bride is the daughter of Frank and Dawn Morrison of Woodstock, Conn., and the granddaughter of Joan Brown of Cumberland, R.I., Paul and Patricia Morrison of Glendale, R.I., and Daniel and Barbara Hodgkinson of

Cumberland.

The groom is the son of Jose and Erin (Nute) Rodriguez of Monson and Stephen Tyler Nute of Kinston, N.C. Dain is the grandson of Scott and Donna Williams of Monson and Steve and Christi Nute of Frankfort, Maine. Dain is the great-grandson of Paul and Betty Williams of Monson and Althea Nute and the late Charles Nute of Carmel, Maine.

Dain is currently working for the Town of Monson with the Monson Schools as a custodian. Abigail graduated from Crown College after studying cosmetology/hairstyling and is employed at The Strand Hair Salon as a stylist. The couple will reside in Monson.

## Springfield Vaccination Day coming to STCC

*Community event organized by Extreme Science Kid.com to feature live music, games and more*

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College on Oct. 30 will host Springfield Vaccination Day, a festive community event organized by Extreme Science Kid.com.

The event will be an opportunity for anyone to get a free COVID-19 vaccine or booster shot and enjoy free live music as well as participate in fun family-friendly events on Halloween eve. Vaccinations will be given between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. at STCC. Other events will run throughout the day, including morning and evening.

Anyone will be eligible to receive free first or second vaccinations and booster shots. Attendees also will have access to a flu shot clinic and mental health services. Participants can walk up to receive a vaccine or register in advance at extreme-sciencekid.com

Extreme Science Kid.com founder Renee Stewart Bates and her 7-year-old son Carmello Stewart wanted to create Springfield Vaccination Day as a way to bring the community together and to help end the COVID-19 pandemic. They both tested positive for COVID-19 in 2020 and said they want to do their part to educate about the importance of getting vaccinated to reduce community infections.

"As a community collaborator, it is our responsibility to protect the health of our community," Stewart Bates said. "The Springfield Vaccination

Committee, which is made up of volunteers and community collaborators organizing the event, is committed to educating our community through awareness, prevention and vaccination."

Dr. John B. Cook, STCC President, said he hopes to see a big turnout for the event.

"I want to thank Renee and Carmello for organizing and bringing in so many community partners," Cook said. "We're excited to host this event at STCC. People will have a chance to enjoy the activities on our beautiful campus."

Some of the highlights of the event include (all free):

- Candy and dress-up for children
- Kids basketball clinic (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
- Men's health basketball tournament (1 p.m. to 9 p.m., with registration starting at 11 a.m.)

The event also will honor frontline community volunteers and workers, families who have experienced loss, and community organizations. State Rep. Carlos Gonzalez, D-Springfield, will present plaques and citations to those being recognized.

Extreme Science Kid.com is organizing the event with sponsors including STCC (host of the event), Trinity Health New England, Baystate Health Network, WTCC 90.7 FM, Caring Health, Extreme Kid, Inc., Springfield Youth Athletics, Stop & Shop, Springfield Health Department, the STCC Foundation, the Office of Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno, state Rep. Patricia Duffy, D-Holyoke, state Rep. Carlos Gonzalez, DomDee Photography, Springfield Central High School basketball coaching staff and several community volunteers.

## Exit 7 Players do 'Tommy' justice

By Nicole Acevedo  
Correspondent

LUDLOW – Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 marked the third performance of Exit 7 Players' show The Who's Tommy. The production was directed by theater treasurer, Michael O. Budnick — cementing his directorial debut with the company.

Pete Townshend and Des McAnuff's play tells the electrifying tale of a young boy who has been traumatized by witnessing the murder of his mother's lover by his father, which ultimately turns him catatonic. Tommy takes the audience on a journey of pain, only to lead them to their final destination of triumph through high-energy actor performances and a rock opera score.

Exit 7 Players faced many challenges in the production of this show. With COVID-19 derailing their initial performance dates set for Spring 2020, between 4 and 5 of their main cast members had to be recast.

As the story centers around Tommy and his development, three actors of varying ages filled the character's shoes. Performing as Little Tommy was 10-year-old Kendall Jayde Gross. The young actress has performed in a handful of other productions, however, this was her first at Exit 7.

Gross did a phenomenal job maintaining an expressionless face while being surrounded by constant moving parts and fellow actors.

Middle Tommy was played by 12-year-old Michael Busell, of Westfield. Although Busell's role did not require much dialogue, his extensive theatrical



Correspondent photo

The cast of Exit 7 Players' "The Who's Tommy."

experience was prevalent in his vocal abilities as he performed.

However, it was Michael Luciano whose presence as adult Tommy solidified the storyline. Luciano dominated the theater with powerful belts during "I'm Free" and "Sensation (reprise)," warranting audience members to bob their heads and tap their feet to the beat.

While the main cast members did exceptionally well, the production would have not been what it was without the ensemble members and the Cadre Prime Band.

The ensemble cast harmonized beautifully during musical numbers, which really pulled the vocals together.

As for the Cadre Prime Band, there are no words for how remarkable their performance was of such beloved songs. Brought into existence by Supervisor of Music &

Sound, George Garber Jr., the musicians were arguably the driving force behind the show. Their instrumentals moved the plot forward, and were executed perfectly.

The only concern that seemed to be of notice throughout the performance was the quality of microphones for performers. While not the actors' fault, there were instances where mics would cut in and out briefly, and at times the band overpowered vocalists.

However, as a whole, the production was wonderful to watch and be a part of. Exit 7 masterfully crafted a set that allowed for constant moving parts, even incorporating a projection screen into the performance to further add to the stage design. A huge congratulations to all of those who were part of the performance, and especially to those who helped bring the production to life.

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## Palmer too much for Ware

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WARE—When the Palmer girls' varsity soccer team made the seven-mile bus ride to Veteran's Stadium in Ware a year ago, they suffered a loss to the Lady Indians. The seven Lady Panthers seniors on this year's varsity squad certainly didn't want their high school careers to end with another road loss against their archrivals.

Senior Maddy Theriault scored the game's first goal 32 seconds into the opening half and the Lady Panthers coasted to an 8-0 road victory in a Grieve Division match-up, last Tuesday night.

"This is a huge rivalry game and it's also a very big win for us, especially on this field" said Theriault, who recorded her seventh hat-trick of the regular season. "We played very well as a team tonight."

Theriault, who'll be signing her National Letter of Intent in November to play college soccer at Fairfield University, finished the regular season with 36 goals and 10 assists.

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Allanah Wood watches her ball descend upon the goalie.



Ava Denault delivers to an open teammate



Maddy Theriault display one of her patented moves as she gets around the goalie.

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## Pathfinder secures first league title since 2008



Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Byron Peabody reaches out to keep the ball headed in the right direction.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—There are currently three banners hanging on the walls of the Pathfinder gymnasium representing the league titles won by the Pioneers boys varsity soccer team in 1977, 2004, and 2008.

A new league title banner will be put up on the gymnasium walls in the coming months.

The Pioneers captured the Tri-County Division title for the first time in 13 years following a 4-0 home victory over the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School Dragons, last Tuesday afternoon.

"I've coached multiple varsity sports and league titles don't knock on your door all of the time," said Pathfinder head coach Kevin Aldrich, who also coaches the Lady Pioneers varsity basketball and softball teams. "In the five years that I've been coaching the

boys' soccer team, we've qualified for the postseason tournament once and this is our first league title. It's a great accomplishment."

Pathfinder finished the regular season with a 14-0-2 overall record and a 13-0-2 league record. The 2004 squad also finished the regular season without a loss.

The Pioneers won their first 13 matches of this season without very much trouble before playing back-to-back scoreless ties on the road against St. Mary's of Westfield and the P.V.C.I.C.S. Dragons, who are a first-year member of the MIAA. The Pioneers were missing several starters in both of those matches for various reasons.

Most of the Pathfinder starters returned for the second meeting against the Dragons, which took place on back-to-back days, and the outcome was a little bit different. The Pioneers scored all four goals in last Tuesday's home

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Rylee Bonneau sends a throw back on the field.



Addie Peterson guides the ball for the Mustangs.



Sierra Martinson advances the ball forward.



Emmy Finnegan goes after the ball in the air.



Goalie Emily Provost reaches up to keep the ball out of the goal.

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## Mustangs stay perfect

MONSON – Last Wednesday afternoon, Monson girls' soccer capped off a perfect season with a 6-1 win over Quaboag. Tennessee Murphy scored four goals and Emmy Finnegan and Hannah Murphy added single goals. Emily Provost made one save in the win. Monson finished the regular season with a perfect 16-0 record.

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Samantha Naples winds up and sends a free hit up the field.



Alivia Facticeau starts a run up the turf.



Jess Ertsgard clears the ball out of Tantasqua's end.



Anna Talamini makes her way up the field.



Christina Ghantous attempts to find an opening to shoot on goal.

## Warriors shut out Quaboag

FISKDALE – In one of the final matchups of the season for both teams recently, Tantasqua went up 2-0 early and completed the shutout

with three more goals in the second half for a decisive 5-0 victory. Tantasqua got goals from Hope Noonan and Kiana Barnes among the scor-

ers. Tantasqua improved to 6-7 at the time as it continued its push toward a playoff spot. Quaboag dropped to 2-7-1.



## T-Birds continue early season success

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Springfield Thunderbirds (4-0-1-0) won the battle of special teams and received a phenomenal goal-tending performance in a 4-1 win over the Providence Bruins (1-2-1-1) on Sunday afternoon inside the Dunkin' Donuts Center. The Bruins, fresh off a 4-0 loss on home ice on Saturday, came out with an edge to their game in the first period, generating 10 shots before the game even reached the midpoint of the opening frame. Springfield got into penalty trouble as two successive minors put Providence onto a 5-on-3 in the closing minutes. That proved lethal to the T-Birds' penalty killers as Jack Ahcan cranked a one-time feed from Jakub Lauko over the glove of Joel

Hofer at 15:36 of the first period.

Young Bruins goalie Kyle Keyser had a lighter workload in the opening period but passed each of the seven shots that tested him to hold Providence's lead into the dressing room.

While Hofer was the busier masked man in the opening period, Keyser had a much bigger workload in the second, with 17 shots on his net. Springfield took advantage of their own two-man advantage to deadlock the game at 14:41 of the second. From the top of the right-wing circle, Matthew Peca simplified the game and wristed a beautifully-placed shot off the back bar to tie the score, 1-1. That call was upheld after play was abruptly halted by referees deeming the shot

a goal.

Hofer still had plenty of work in the middle period, but he had every answer for the Bruins' 13 second period offerings. The Thunderbirds' penalty kill also stiffened to stonewall the Bruins on parts of three separate Providence power plays.

For the third time this season, the T-Birds entered the third period in a tie game, and for a third time, Springfield rose to the occasion, beginning with a power play goal by Nikita Alexandrov at the 10:29 mark, as he backhanded a diagonal pass from Scott Perunovich over Keyser to give the T-Birds their first lead, 2-1.

Less than six minutes later, and just seconds after a power play

expired, Peca added a second goal by throwing a wrist shot off a Bruins defender and off the underside of the crossbar to push the lead to 3-1 at 16:20.

The T-Birds won the battle of special teams in this penalty-ridden contest, going 2-for-8 on the man advantage while killing seven of Providence's eight power plays on the afternoon. The T-Birds' 4-0-1-0 start is the best to begin a season since they began the 2018-19 season 7-0-0-2.

While the offense shined, Hofer remained steady as ever in the goal crease, finishing his night with a season-high 39 stops to improve to 3-0 on his season. Hofer has allowed just three goals in his first three starts as a T-Bird.



Justin Davis settles the ball off his knee.



Gabe Messier eyes the opposing goal after getting the ball near the sideline.



Evan Costa balances the ball as he attempts to move back up the field.



Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Dylan Pinto looks to deke his opponent.

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match against the Dragons during the final twenty minutes of the first half.

Aldrich knew his team had a chance to be very good following the first week of the regular season.

"We played three games in three days to start the regular season," he said. "We played really well in our first game and were a little bit sluggish the next day, but we still won the game. Then we went up to Mohawk and won again. After that game, I knew this was going to be a special season. We have great leadership from our seniors and juniors. We also have four freshmen, who have made contribution in every game this season."

Just before the start of the season, the Pioneers added six players to their roster from Palmer High School. The Panthers didn't have enough players to field a varsity squad and they formed a co-op with Pathfinder.

"If we didn't have the Palmer players, we probably wouldn't have an undefeated season, but we would've still been a playoff

team," Aldrich said. "The Pathfinder players are very talented."

One of the Palmer players is senior Byron Peabody, who finished the regular season with 56 goals. It's a new school record for goals in a season. The old record was held by Alan Ruell, who scored 43 goals in 2005.

"I was talking with coach Aldrich before the start of the season and I asked him what the school record for goals in a season was," Peabody said. "It was something that I wanted to accomplish. I also just wanted to help my team win any way that I could."

Peabody, who scored just six goals as a member of the Palmer varsity soccer team, also had 11 assists this fall for a total of 67 points. He scored all four goals in the regular season finale and recorded a hat-trick in 13 of the 14 games that he played in.

Another player from Palmer High is junior Austin Degnan, who led Western Mass. with 18 assists. He also scored 11 goals.

The other Pioneers boys soccer players from Palmer High are senior Gabe Messier, junior Tyler Bolaske, junior Tucker Sikes, and

junior Nathan Bigda.

The four seniors from Pathfinder, who all live in Palmer, are Colin Doktor, Logan LaMadelleine, Josh Blaine, and Dylan Pinto.

"The seniors grew up playing soccer together," Aldrich said. "So, the Palmer players already knew the Pathfinder players when they joined our team. Everyone has gotten along with each other very well."

The Pioneers celebrated senior day this year by playing a night game at historic Legion Field, which was an 8-0 win against Duggan.

While Peabody and Degnan led the way offensively for the Pioneers, freshman goalie Colin Holt only allowed five goals in the 16 regular season games. Holt received plenty of support from the defensive unit led by Bigda, Messier, Doktor, and Sikes.

"Our goalie and defense have been awesome this year," Aldrich said. "We've only given up five goals in 16 games. Colin just kept getting a little bit better in each game that he played. He made a couple of amazing saves in our 0-0 tie at St. Mary's last

week."

The other players listed on the Pioneers roster are freshman Seth Mitchell, freshman Justin Davis, freshman Evan Costa, sophomore Riley Sanderson, and junior Sam Endelos.

"I just love coaching all of the players on this year's team," Aldrich said. "They just keep playing hard in every game and never quit."

The Pioneers, who entered the Western Mass. Class C tournament as the top ranked team, were scheduled to host eighth-seeded Renaissance (2-10-2) in a quarterfinal match on Monday.

"Our next goal is to be Western Mass. champions," Aldrich said. "We're just going to take it one game at a time."

No current member of the Pathfinder boys' soccer team has ever won a postseason game.

"It would be very special if we were able to win our first playoff game, especially since it's going to be played on our homefield," Peabody said. "We practice here every day and we're used to the bounces on this field."

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## Athlete of the Week



**Charlotte Theriault**  
Palmer High School

Theriault had a big game against Ware last week with a pair of goals scored. To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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Loretta Petraszewicz is at full stride, taking the ball towards the goal.

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She entered the postseason tournament with a total of 114 career goals and 33 career assists.

Palmer (14-1-1), who lost at home to Belchertown in the season opener, posted a 14-0-1 record in their final 15 regular season matches. The Lady Panthers played a scoreless tie in a non-league game against Frontier Regional at Legion Field one day before they faced the Lady Indians.

"We were shutout last night, so it was very important for us to come out and try to get on the scoreboard as soon as possible," said first-year Palmer head coach Celso Sandoval said. "Maddy was very focused in tonight's game."

It was the final high school soccer match at Veteran's Stadium for Theriault, along with her classmates, Ava Denault, Ashley Placanico, Caitlin Lebel, Alannah Wood, Mia Murray, Maddy, and Sara Dresser, who made six saves as the starting goalkeeper.

While Palmer, who also shutout Ware in the first meeting of the season, is trying to capture the Western Mass. Class C title this week, the Lady Indians (4-11-1) are scheduled to end their season by playing a couple of non-playoff games. The Lady Indians four seniors are Kierstyn Ross, Lillian Jeffery, Sierra Golden, and Andrea Bell.

"I thought we played hard for all 80 minutes," said first-year Ware head coach Morgan Toelken. "Palmer is a very good team, and they have a lot of talented players."

The Lady Panthers took an early 1-0 lead on Theriault's rebound shot that landed in the right corner of the net past junior goalie Cassandra Pendleton (8 saves).

A couple of minutes later, Maddy's younger sister, Charlotte, who's an eighth grader, fired a shot into the back of the net. The goal was disallowed by the referee because she was offside on the play.

In the middle of the first half, the Lady Indians had a chance to tie the score on a shot attempt by sophomore Madisyn Davis, but Dresser made the



Grace Burke fights for the ball.

save.

Down at the other end of the field, Pendleton made a sliding save on a breakaway shot by Maddy Theriault. She also made the save on a rebound shot by Denault.

The duo of Theriault and Denault, who are the Lady Panthers co-captains, did combine on a scoring play a minute later. Denault sent a pass to Theriault, who put a low shot into the right corner of the net making the score 2-0.

With three minutes remaining in the first half, Charlotte Theriault put her name on the score sheet by scoring a goal, which was assisted by freshman Ava Przybycien.

Just like her older sister did at the start of the match, Charlotte Theriault scored her second goal 19 seconds into the second half.

"Charlotte and Maddy are different types of soccer players," Sandoval said. "The one thing that they do have in common is that both of them are very determined and they're always trying to get better."

Palmer's final four goals of the match were scored by Maddy Theriault, sophomore Grace Burke, sophomore Vanessa Baer, and freshman Loretta Petraszewicz.

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Arooth, John M.**  
Died: Oct. 19, 2001  
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## O B I T U A R I E S

### John M. Arooth Sr, 77

MONSON — John M. Arooth Sr., 77, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021.

John was born in Springfield, April 10, 1944, to the late John S. and Catherine A. (Cole) Arooth. He attended Monson Schools until he was old enough to begin his lifelong passion of being a dairy farmer. In 1972, along with his brother James, they bought the family dairy farm and continued operating it until just a few months ago.

John loved being with his family and enjoyed time with his friends.

He was predeceased by his wife Deborah L. (Nimmo)

Arooth in 2019. He leaves his son John M. Arooth Jr. and his wife Erica of Westfield and a daughter, Jill M. Arooth of Monson; a brother, James E. Arooth Sr.; grandchildren Lisa Cavanaugh, Dylan Arooth, and Caitlyn Arooth; nieces Lisa Davis, Denise Gillman, Dena Plante, Kelly Davis, Amy Davis, and Francine Cavanaugh, and his nephew, James Arooth Jr. John was predeceased by a nephew, David Davis.

Funeral services were held Oct. 26 in Lombard funeral



home with procession to St. Patrick Church in Monson for Liturgy of Christian Burial. Burial followed at Hillcrest Cemetery in Monson.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in John's name to the American Heart Association PO Box 417005 Boston MA 02241 or to American Diabetes Association PO Box 7023 Merrifield, VA 22116-7023. For online condolences visit [lombardfuneralhome.com](http://lombardfuneralhome.com).

### William L. Hunter, 79

MONSON/THREE RIVERS — William L. Hunter, 79, passed away Oct. 15, 2021, with his family by his side.

Born Dec. 21, 1941, in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was the son of William and Mary (Augustine) Hunter. William graduated from Palmer High School in 1959 and lived in the town until 2016, when he moved to Monson with his daughter, Vicki.

He proudly served his country during Vietnam and was stationed in the Philippines. He attained the rank of TSGT and went on to make the military his career. Over 40 years, he worked at Hanscom Air Force Base in various capacities.

While at Hanscom, he was proud to run their air shows and be a part of this event.

William will be dearly missed by his two daughters, Vicki Hunter and fiancé Louis Zglobicki, with whom he lived and Christine Apraham and husband Jacob Apraham of Ware. He also took great pride in his three grandchildren, Kirsten and Kylie Apraham and Ryan Hunter as well as his nephew, Issiac Hunter. William was predeceased by two brothers, Joseph and Francis Hunter, and a sister shortly



after her birth.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Divine Mercy Parish. Burial with military honors will follow in the parish cemetery. A gathering will be held at AMVETS following the graveside service. Please consider donations in his memory to either Parkinson's Research or assist for those affected by Agent Orange. Visit [beersandstory.com](http://beersandstory.com).

### Mark C. Pluta

WEST WARREN - Mark C. Pluta, 58, of West Warren, died unexpectedly on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021.

He leaves his daughter, Kylie Siniscalchi, and her husband, Christopher, of Palmer; his son, Nicholas Pluta, and his partner, Kate O'Leary, of West Warren; his Granddog, Chewina; his mother, Bertha A. (Obrzut) Pluta, his former wife, Gail Pluta, of West Brookfield as well as many beloved friends. He was predeceased by his father, Chester M. Pluta, and beloved dog Chewey in 2019.

Mark worked as a motorcycle mechanic for much of his life. Mark was Honda certified

and was able to rebuild any engine blindfolded. He was an engine genius and there was nobody like him. Mark could light up any room he was in with his smile.

He enjoyed playing the drums, starting in a polka band at just 14-years-old. Mark loved to go Jeeping with his son and friends. Mark enjoyed riding dirt bikes, four wheelers, and snowmobiles. Mark loved to work on and drive around in his 1982 Toyota, which was his first vehicle and he kept it looking brand new. Mark enjoyed spending time with his daughter and



grand dog, just talking about life and being together made him happy.

Calling hours will be held Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021 from 4-6PM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield. There will be a private Celebration of Life for friends and family.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield, is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at [varnumfuneralhome.com](http://varnumfuneralhome.com).

### Frederick A. Waldron, 1933-2021

MONSON — Frederick A. "Ted" Waldron, 88, most recently of Cedarbrook Village in Ware, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021, surrounded by love of family.

Ted was one of 15 children, born in Amherst, on Jan. 8, 1933, to the late Gertrude (Sweat) Waldron and Leslie Waldron. He attended Turners Falls High School before enlisting in the Navy for four years. He then served in the Air Force for 20 years. Ted retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 20 years at the bulk mail center in Springfield where he was a supervisor and employee trainer.

After his retirement from the Post Office he continued working as a courier for Wing Hospital as

well as other part time jobs. Ted enjoyed playing softball, bowling, dancing, playing cards and making friends wherever her would go. His greatest love was his family and friends.

Ted was predeceased by his wife, Alice Faye Waldron and two daughters, Kelly Waldron and Kathy Perry. He leaves his daughter, Kimberly Maher of Athol, grandchildren, Stephanie Maher and her husband George Tinkenberg of Belchertown, Jennifer Maher and her husband Ben Maher of Westfield, Jesse Perry and Jeremie Perry both of Monson; a great grandson, Oliver Maher, son



in-laws, Jack Perry of Monson and Stephen Maher of Palmer; a sister, Lucille Paquette of Greenfield and sister-in-law, Shirley Locklear of Jefferson, Texas, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Oct. 18 in Lombard Funeral Home followed by burial at Hillcrest Cemetery in Monson. In lieu of flowers, consider a memorial donation in Fred's name to Baystate Hospice 30 Capital Drive West Springfield, MA 01089 or a Veterans Organization of your choice. For online condolences/directions visit [lombardfuneralhome.com](http://lombardfuneralhome.com).

## Police/Fire

### Police Logs

#### PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT

*The Palmer Police Department responded to a total of 478 calls and made seven arrests or summons for arrests Oct. 19 – 26. Those arrested*

*will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:*

**Tuesday, Oct. 26**

Wendy L. Martin, 45, of 630 Center St., Ludlow, was arrested at 3:56 a.m., on North Main Street in

Palmer, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license; possession of a Class A drug; four counts of possession of a Class B drug and possession of a Class E drug.

### Fire Logs

#### PALMER FIRE DEPARTMENT

*The Palmer Fire Department responded to 12 calls Oct. 12 - 18:*

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 9:49 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance on Central Street. The department returned to service at 10:10 a.m.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 11:12 p.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Thorndike Street. The department returned to service at 11:56 p.m.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 4:01 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with a fluid spill on Ware Street. The department returned to service at 4:38 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 22, at 4:15 p.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Main Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 4:55 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 22, at 1:47 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector malfunction on School Street. The department returned to service at 2:19 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 22, at 3:23 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Thorndike Street. The department returned to service at 4:25 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 24, at 4:15 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on Shaw Street. The department returned to service at 4:50 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 24, at 8:14 p.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Oakland Street. The department returned to service at 8:48 p.m.

On Monday, Oct. 25, at 2:20 p.m., the department to a medical assistance call on Shearer Street. The department returned to service at 3:45 p.m.

On Monday, Oct. 25, at 4:45 p.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide investigation call on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 5:30 p.m.

On Monday, Oct. 25, at 10:20 a.m., the department responded to a public service call on Riverview Parkway. The department returned to service at 10:39 p.m.

On Monday, Oct. 25, at 12:59 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Main Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 1:40 p.m.

#### BONDSVILLE FIRE DEPT.

*The Bondsville Fire Department responded to two calls Oct. 19 - 25:*

On Saturday, Oct. 23, at 12:11 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Emery Street. The department returned to service at 12:35 a.m.

On Monday, Oct. 25, at 12:58 p.m., the department responded to a mutual aid call on Main Street in Thorndike for an alarm activation. The department returned to service at 1:24 p.m.

#### THREE RIVERS FIRE DEPT.

*The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to three calls Oct. 20 – 25:*

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 5 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Palmer Street. The department returned to service at 5:10 p.m.

On Thursday, Oct. 21, at 11:03 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Springfield Street. The department returned to service at 11:56 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 24, at 5:48 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Linda Street. The department returned to service at 5:55 p.m.

On Monday, Oct. 25, at 12:59 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Main Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 1:14 p.m.

#### MONSON FIRE DEPT.

*The Monson Fire Department responded to four fire calls and 23 EMS calls Oct. 18 – 24:*

On Thursday, Oct. 21, at 11:26 a.m., the department responded to a fire alarm activation on Hampden Road. The department returned to service at 12:03 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 22, at 10:13 a.m., the department responded to a smoke investigation on Wilbraham Road. The department returned to service at 10:20 a.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 24, at 11:01 a.m., the department responded to an EMS assistance call on Flynt Avenue. The department returned to service at 12:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 24, at 2:45 p.m., the department responded to an EMS assistance call on Wales Road. The department returned to service at 2:57 p.m.

## NBSB matching donations for those in need

NORTH BROOKFIELD — As we say goodbye to summer and the leaves start to turn, North Brookfield Savings Bank is gearing up for its Annual Fall Food Drive fundraiser, offering the perfect chance to share some kindness, support the Community and help those in need during the season of giving.

North Brookfield Savings Bank's Fall Food Drive fundraiser, held Oct. 25-Nov. 20, helps provide much-needed food items to local neighbors and families in need. For every item collected through the Community, North Brookfield Savings Bank will contribute \$1, for a total of up to \$3,000, to help fund the pantries' operations. The Bank's goal is to collect at least 3,500 items total, but the Bank will be contributing monetarily and is issuing a challenge to the community.

Community members are encouraged to drop off nonperishable food items, paper goods, toiletries, or any monetary donations at any of

NBSB's convenient branches with the proceeds going directly to local food pantries.

#### Drop off locations include:

- Ware Branch & Business Center: 40 Main Street, Route 9
- Belchertown Branch: 4 Daniel Shays Highway, Routes 9 & 202
- Palmer Branch: 1051 Thorndike Street
- Three Rivers Branch: 2060 Main Street

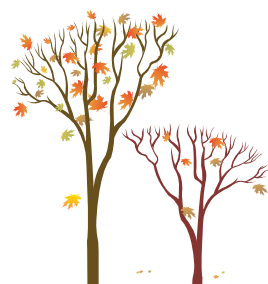
Examples of nonperishable and non-food items that pantries can use are paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, diapers, and baby wipes; deodorant, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste; dry and canned pasta and soups, canned meats, tuna and salmon, peanut butter, jelly, tea bags, and ground coffee; canned vegetables and fruits, hot and cold cereals, rice, cake mixes, pancake mix, syrup, powdered milk, and granulated sugar; canned juices, baby food, baby formula, granola,

and cereal bars.

"The unfortunate reality is that there are people who still struggle with hunger close to home in our local communities. The Food Drive is a great opportunity for local community members and North Brookfield Savings Bank to work together to make a real difference in our communities by helping our neighbors," said North Brookfield Savings Bank SVP / Chief Administrative and Human Resource Officer Andrea Healy.

"It is always heartwarming to see the kindness and generosity displayed through this drive by our communities, and we are so grateful for the contributions they make each year."

To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank's Community giving efforts and all of the convenient banking products and services offered, visit [NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com](http://NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com).



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HALLOWEEN PARTY**

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**Saturday, November 6th  
Moonlight & Saints**

**Wednesday, November 24th  
Thanksgiving Eve  
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# Public notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family  
Court Department  
Hampden Division**

**Docket No.  
HD07P177931GR1  
NOTICE OF  
TRUSTEE'S ACCOUNT**

To all persons interested in the estate of **CHRISTINE DAVIES** of Palmer, Hampden County, MA, a protected person.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the **Fifteenth Account(s)** inclusive of T.D. Bank, N.A., Trustee under a written instrument for the benefit of said **CHRISTINE DAVIES** has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Springfield on or before the **16th day of November, 2021**, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without a cost a copy of said accounts. If you desire to object to any item of said accounts, you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of said Court at Springfield this 18th day of October, 2021.

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
10/28/2021

**Town of Monson  
Planning Board  
LEGAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. s11, the Monson Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing **Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:10 P.M.** in the public meeting room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street, on the application of Jeffery Allard for a Special Permit with Site Plan Approval for a mixed use residential/business structure as provided for by Section 6.13 Mixed Uses, Section 7.3 Special Permits, and Section 7.4 Site Plan Approval of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The Applicant proposes construction of a 40 x 80 mixed use building for office space and

second floor residential units in the General Commercial District located on Boston Road West, Monson approximately 340 feet east of Silver Street assessors Map 1, Parcels 1 & 2B. A copy of the application is on file with the Planning Board and available for viewing during regular office hours.

Craig Sweitzer, Chairman  
10/28, 11/04/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family  
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**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
10/28/2021

**LEGAL NOTICE  
MONSON  
CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION**

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter. 131, §40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a pub-

lic hearing on **Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 7:20 P.M.** in the Public Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street Monson. Under consideration is a Notice of Intent for the construction of a mixed use building with paved parking, well, septic and stormwater facilities located on Boston Road West approximately 340 feet east of Silver Street, Assessor Map 1, Parcels 1 & 2B. The proposed work will disturb approximately 5,420 sq. ft. within the 100-foot wetland buffer, and is within a Priority Habitat of Rare Species or Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife, mitigating measures for this project includes the installation of silt fence and erosion controls. The applicant is Jeffery Allard 379 Silver Street, Monson the property Owner is Give Them Sanctuary, INC.

Submitted by:  
Monson Conservation  
Commission  
10/28/2021

**NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Delena DeMarco, Steven F. DeMarco to Fleet National Bank, dated March 13, 2003 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 13126, Page 442 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to Fleet National Bank to MEB Loan Trust III, recorded on September 18, 2019, in Book No. 22858, at Page 583

Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to Fleet National Bank to MEB Loan Trust III, recorded on September 26, 2019, in Book No. 22872, at Page 195

Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to Fleet National Bank to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for MEB Loan Trust III, recorded on November 17, 2020, in Book No. 23539, at Page 108

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **12:00 PM on November 22, 2021**, on the mortgaged premises located at 4 Lake George Road, Wales, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all

and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

THAT CERTAIN PIECE OF PARCEL OF LAND, AND THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, KNOWN AS 4 LAKE GEORGE RD. IN THE TOWN OF WALES COUNTY OF HAMPDEN AND STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 11128, PAGE 563. Said parcel is further known as Lot 2 on a plan of lots recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 248, Page 81.

Subject to a first mortgage dated September 24, 2003 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 13620, Page 567 in the original principal amount of \$115,047.00.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11128, Page 563.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

A deposit of **Five Thousand (\$5,000.00)** Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

**Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.**  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL

ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR MEB LOAN TRUST III

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
150 California St.  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617)558-0500  
19428  
10/28, 11/04, 11/11/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758**

**Docket No. HD21P1373EA  
Estate of:  
Charlcia Fisher  
Also known as:  
Charlie Fisher  
Date of Death: 08/02/2014  
CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Krystin V. Puckett** of Wales, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Krystin V. Puckett** of Wales, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/12/2021**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED  
ADMINISTRATION  
UNDER THE  
MASSACHUSETTS  
UNIFORM PROBATE  
CODE (MUPC)  
A Personal Represent-**

**ative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.**  
WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: October 14, 2021  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
10/28/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-8600**

**Docket No. HD20P1389EA  
Estate of:  
Constance Ann Henning  
Also Known As:  
Constance A Henning  
Date of Death:  
5/24/2020**

**INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Tanya Sue Bourdo a/k/a Tonya Bourdo** of Worcester MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Tanya Sue Bourdo a/k/a Tonya Bourdo** of Worcester MA has been informally appointed as the Successor Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can

be obtained from the Petitioner.  
10/28/2021

**PALMER  
LOCAL LICENSING  
AUTHORITY  
NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Palmer Local Licensing Authority will hold a public hearing on **Monday, November 15, 2021, at 6:30 PM** at the Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer (Thorndike) on the application from Kavita, INC. DBA Jane Alden Convenience Store under MGL C 138 §15 for a transfer of an OFF-Premises All Alcohol License located at 1240 Park Street, Palmer, MA.

Any persons interested in being heard should appear at the time and place designated above.  
10/28/2021

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING**

**National Grid**

**November 8, 2021, at 2pm**  
In accordance with the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 166 of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at the Palmer Town Administration Building, 4417 Main St., Palmer on the **8th day of November 2021 at 2pm** on the petition of National Grid to install one SO pole on Old Warren Rd approximately 2,466 feet Southwest of the intersection of Boston Rd and Rte. 67 in the Town of Palmer.

Ryan McNutt  
Town Manager  
10/28/2021

**TOWN OF PALMER**

The Assessors are in the Certification process of the Town's revaluation program for Fiscal Year 2022. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue has completed its preliminary review process. Preliminary property values will be available for public review **Thursday, October 28, 2021, through Monday November 8, 2021**.

FY2022 property values are available for Taxpayer review at the Assessors Office in the Town Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main Street, STE 5., Palmer, MA, 01069; Monday 8:30AM to 7:30PM, Tuesday through Thursday 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

Values may also be viewed on the town website at [www.townofpalmer.com](http://www.townofpalmer.com).  
For more information, call the Assessors' Office at 413-283-2607.  
10/28/2021

**NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
Premises: 1061 Park  
Street, Palmer, MA 01069**

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Karl E. Sweikhart and Lynn Sweikhart to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., and now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee for Upland Mortgage Loan Trust B, said mortgage dated March 20, 2009 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17762, Page 152, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. to Bank of America, N.A. by assignment dated May 3, 2013 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 19806, Page 88; said mortgage was assigned from Bank of America, N.A. to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment dated September 24, 2014 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 20579, Page 192; said mortgage was assigned from Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by assignment dated December 12, 2016 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 21585, Page 554; said mortgage was assigned from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its Individual Capacity but solely in its Capacity as Owner Trustee of Matawin Ventures Trust Series 2016-4 by assignment dated February 24, 2017 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 21585, Page 560; said mortgage was assigned from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its Individual Capacity but solely in its Capacity as Owner Trustee of Matawin Ventures Trust Series 2016-4 to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Upland Mortgage Loan Trust B by assignment dated May 15, 2018 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 22293, Page 133; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **December 1, 2021, at 1:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon and all the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereunto appertaining to belonging, lying in the Depot Ville of said Palmer, and bounded and described as follows, viz:

**BEGINNING** at an iron pipe in the ground in the southwesterly line of Park Street, at the southeasterly corner of land formerly of Augusta L. Thompson, now of the United States of America and running thence;

**SOUTHWESTERLY** along last named land five (5) rods to a stone bound in line of land formerly of Carrie J. Holbrook, now or formerly of the devisees of Emma E. Converse;

**THENCE**  
**SOUTHEASTERLY** along line of said last named land fifty (50) feet to an iron pin in line of land formerly of Allie V. Hall, now or formerly of George A. and Josephine Sullivan;

**THENCE**  
**NORTHEASTERLY** along land last named land five (5) rods to an iron pin in the southwesterly line of Park Street;

**THENCE**  
**NORTHWESTERLY** along said Park Street fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning, being a portion of lot numbered 49 on plan of Lots recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 293, Page 601.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated October 16, 1997, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 10083, Page 473.

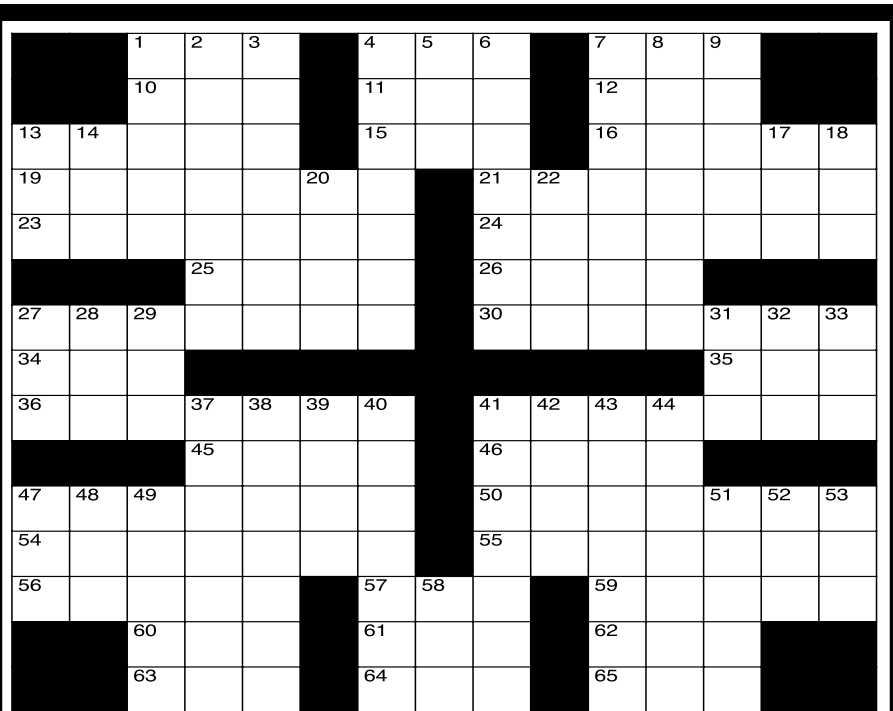
**TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

**FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars** of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

**Other terms to be announced at the sale.**

Brock & Scott, PLLC  
1080 Main Street,  
Suite 200  
Pawtucket, RI 02860  
Attorney for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee for Upland Mortgage Loan Trust B  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
401-217-8701  
10/28, 11/04, 11/11/2021

**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Pouch
- 4. Cooling device
- 7. Corporate exec (abbr.)
- 10. Antidiuretic hormone
- 11. South American plant
- 12. Adult female bird
- 13. Type of snake
- 15. Soak in water
- 16. Emerge
- 19. Church tower
- 21. Having solidified from lava
- 23. Eye parts
- 24. Natural
- 25. Swiss river
- 26. Require to live
- 27. Obstruct
- 30. Immobile
- 34. Expression of satisfaction
- 35. Moved quickly
- 36. Popular cocktail
- 41. Dish detergent

**brand**

- 45. Waxed finish
- 46. Kyrgyzstan
- 47. A place to get clean
- 50. Able to be rescued
- 54. Large, open grassland
- 55. Expressions for humorous effect
- 56. Hindu goddess
- 57. Beverage
- 59. Long narrow hilltop
- 60. Sir (abbr.)
- 61. Data executive
- 62. Doctor of Education
- 63. Car mechanics group
- 64. Autonomic nervous system
- 65. "The Partridge Family" actress

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Cavalry-sword
- 2. Gland above the kidneys
- 3. Hat
- 4. Predict
- 5. A team's best pitcher
- 6. Countries
- 7. Substitutions
- 8. Peruses again
- 9. Popular food
- 13. Reciprocal of a sine
- 14. Of or relating to the ears
- 17. \_\_\_ juris: Independent
- 18. Keyboard key
- 20. Fat from a pig
- 22. AC manufacturer
- 27. Organization of N. and S. American countries
- 28. 22nd star of a constellation
- 29. Scoundrel

- 31. A way to save money
- 32. Boy or young man
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Egg-laying mammal
- 38. Salt of citric acid
- 39. Barbary sheep
- 40. Actress \_\_\_ de Mornay
- 41. Gambling hotspots
- 42. Wing-shaped
- 43. Basked in
- 44. Poison
- 47. Beats per minute
- 48. Macaws
- 49. Military vehicles
- 51. Elderly woman
- 52. Body part
- 53. Midway between east and southeast
- 58. Forearm nerve (abbr.)

# EARLY DEADLINES

In observance of Veterans Day,  
**PUBLIC NOTICES**  
EARLY AD DEADLINE  
Place your public notice  
no later than NOON  
**Friday, Nov. 5**  
– Thank you!

## The Library Loft

Schoolhouse Commons Historical Center • 1085 Park Street, Palmer

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# Public notices

### TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS IN TOWN COUNCIL ORDERED:

That the Town appropriate the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) for the purpose of paying costs of designing and reconstructing wastewater treatment plant roofs and centrifuges, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto. That to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. All, or any portion of the amount authorized to be borrowed by this order may be obtained through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust"), and in that regard, the Town Manager, and any other appropriate officials of the Town are authorized to execute any and all agreements that may be required to obtain financial assistance through the Trust. The amount authorized to be borrowed by this order shall be reduced to the extent of any grants or gifts received by the Town on account of this project. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

10/28/2021

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David W. White to Monson Savings Bank, said mortgage being dated November 30, 2001, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 12006, Page 450, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 18, 2021**, upon the premises described in said mortgage, namely 1544 Dunhamtown Brimfield Road, Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Parcel I  
Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Dunhamtown Road at the southeast corner of land now or formerly of Terrence B. and Shirley A. O'Connor;  
THENCE N. 28° 22' w. along said last named land one hundred fifty (150) feet to land now or formerly of James J. and Dorothea Mooney;  
THENCE N. 61° 38' E. along last named land one hundred (100) feet;  
THENCE S. 28° 22' E. along land now or formerly of Richard B. and Nicole L. Vrona and Terrence B. and Shirley A. O'Connor one hundred fifty (150) feet to the northerly line of Dunhamtown Road;  
THENCE S. 62° 38' W. along said northerly line of Dunhamtown Road one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning.  
Together with the right of sharing the use of the well with Guy and Lillian R. Picard, successors in title to Terrence B. and Shirley

A. O'Connor, which well is on the property of the said Picards, subject to the duty of also sharing the maintenance of said well, if so used. The cost of electricity to run the well pump will be shared equally, if used, with the said Picards with each party paying yearly the meter to be changed or read each year on June 1.

Parcel II  
Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Dunhamtown Road, said point being 100 feet easterly measured along said northerly line of Dunhamtown Road from the south easterly corner of land now or formerly of Terrence B. and Shirley A. O'Connor;

THENCE N. 28° 22' W. along land now or formerly of said O'Connors are one hundred fifty (150) feet to land of James J. and Dorothea Mooney;

THENCE N. 61° 38' E. along last named land eighty and 38/100 (80.38) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Southern New England Railroad Co.,;

THENCE S. 35° 33' 17" E. along said last named land one hundred thirty-two and 88/100 (132.88) feet to an iron pin;

THENCE S. 42° 55' W. fifty six and 60/100 (56.60) feet to an iron pin;

THENCE 61° 38' w. along said northerly side of Dunhamtown Road Forty-three and 40/100 (43.40) feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same premises prior hereto at B 12006 P 447

Said premises will be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax title, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any there be, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the Deed.

No representations, express or implied, are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises which will be sold "as is".  
The successful high bidder will be responsible for paying the Massachusetts State Documentary Tax Stamps, all closing costs and all recording fees.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
The highest bidder in the sale shall be required to deposit cash, bank treasurer's check or certified check in the amount of **FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)** at the time and the place of the sale of the premises to qualify as a bidder (the present holder of the mortgage is exempt from this requirement) to be held by the Mortgagee. The successful bidder will also be required to deposit an additional sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid less the \$5,000.00 deposit, (but no less than \$5,000.00) with the Mortgagee's auctioneer, Aaron Posnik & Co., Inc., 31 Capital Drive, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01089 or the Mortgagees attorney as may be directed within five (5) days of the date of the sale to be held by the Mortgagee, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified or bank treasurer's check at the closing which shall occur within thirty (30) days after the date of foreclosure sale, time being of the essence, unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise. The successful bidder at the sale shall be required to sign

a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the auction sale.

In the event that the successful bidder at the public auction shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Mortgagee's Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the public auction, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its election, to sell the property to the second highest bidder at the public auction provided that Mortgagee, in its discretion, may require (1) said second highest bidder to deposit the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice to the second highest bidder of the default of the previous highest bidder, (2) the second highest bidder to execute a Memorandum of Sale, and (3) the closing to occur within twenty (20) days of said written notice, time being of the essence unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise. The Mortgagee reserves the right to sell any parcel or any portion thereof separately, or in any order that Mortgagee may choose and/or to postpone this sale to a later time or date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of the sale.

The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Monson Savings Bank,  
Present Holder of said Mortgage  
By David A. Lavenburg, Its  
BACON WILSON, P.C.  
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Springfield, MA 01103  
413-781-0560  
10/21, 10/28, 11/04/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-8600  
Docket No. HD21P1991EA  
Estate of:  
William Martin Ziobrowski  
Also Known As:  
William Martin Edward Ziobrowski  
Date of Death: 9/21/2021  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Janet M Alexander** of Wilbraham, MA

**Carl L. Ziobrowski** of Monson, MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Janet M Alexander** of Wilbraham, MA

**Carl L. Ziobrowski** of Monson, MA have been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to peti-

tion the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
10/28/2021

### The Tantasqua Regional/ Union 61 School Districts Student Child Find Notice Special Education and 504

The Tantasqua Regional/ Union 61 Public Schools are working to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) through twenty-two (22) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need, but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

It is the responsibility of the Tantasqua Regional/ Union 61 Public Schools to identify any child who may have a disability; who is either a resident of Tantasqua Regional/Union 61 Public Schools or who attends a private school within the geographic boundaries of Tantasqua Regional/Union 61 Public Schools even if the student is not a resident of Tantasqua Regional/Union 61 Public Schools. This also includes students who are homeschooled.

Tantasqua Regional/ Union 61 Public Schools are also responsible for the evaluation of those students to determine if they are eligible for special education or related services under Federal law, IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) or, Massachusetts State Law, 603 CMR 28 (Massachusetts Special Education Regulations), at no cost to the parents.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the Tantasqua Regional/Union 61 Public Schools find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services.

The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to refer to the Special Education or 504 process.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the Tantasqua Regional/Union 61 Public Schools collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who lives within the Tantasqua Regional/Union 61 Public School Districts who may have a disability, and may need, but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please call the Tantasqua Regional/Union 61 Public Schools Special Education Department or send the information to:

Contact Name: Brenda Looney

School: Tantasqua Regional/Union 61 Public School Districts

Phone: 508-347-3560

Address: 320 A Brookfield Road, Fiskdale, MA 01518  
10/28/2021

### THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF MONSON DOROTHY P. JENKINS, CMMC, COLLECTOR OF TAXES OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

To the owners of the hereinafter described land and to all others concerned

You are hereby notified that on **Friday the 19th day of November, 2021, at 10:00 A.M.** at the Tax Collectors's Office, 110 MAIN STREET , pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the Town of Monson the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Assessed to BLAIS ADAM M and WHEELOCK LINDA HEIRS & DEV

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.25 Acres located and known as 516 OLD WALES RD shown on the Town of Monson Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 158-003 and being part of the premises recorded in book 22649 on page 143 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2020	CPA	\$58.40
2020	Tax	\$2,856.89

Assessed To CROCKER PONALP

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 12 Acres located and known as PALMER RD shown on the Town of Monson Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 130-005 and being part of the premises recorded in book 18191 on page 0037 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2020	Tax	\$436.65
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Assessed to DELISLE MICHAEL L and MATIE PATRICIA  
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3.69 Acres located and known as 32 BENNETT RD shown on the Town of Monson Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 011-0128 and being part of the premises recorded in book 17 453 on page 0436 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2020	Tax	\$1,481.72
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Assessed To FELDMAN GREGORY J

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 29810 Square Feet located and known as 122 TOWN FARM RD shown on the Town of Monson Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 129-030 and being part of the premises recorded in book 21153 on page 0555 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2020	Tax	\$85.07
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Assessed To GAUTHIER GEORGE E LE

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.35 Acres located and known as 59 COTE RD shown on the Town of Monson Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 051-001 and being part of the premises recorded in book 20712 on page 0283 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2020	Tax	\$872.58
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Assessed To GOODMAN LINDA J MACLEOD TR

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 6.74 Acres located and known as 296 WALES RD shown on the Town of Monson Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 158-006 and being part of the premises recorded in book 22128 on page 0520 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2020	CPA	\$107.48
2020	Tax	\$5409.75
2020	Trash Int Lien	\$30.15
2020	Trash Lien	\$140.00

Assessed To J F GULLUNI LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 8 Acres located and known as 440 BOSTON RD WEST shown on the Town of Monson Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 001-010 and being part of the premises recorded in book 19182 on page 0418 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2020	Tax	\$13.81
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Assessed to JAMESON CURT L and JAMESON CHANTELE D

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 32670

Square Feet located and known as 11 WALES RD shown on the Town of Monson Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 117-062

and being part of the premises recorded in book 20321 on page 0370 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2020	Tax	\$61.91
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Assessed to JURCZYK THERESA

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 28749

Square Feet located and known as 17 OAK ST shown on the Town of Monson Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 116-070 and being part of the premises recorded in book 5271 on page 0224 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2020	CPA	\$42.02
2020	Sewer Lien	\$292.98
2020	Swr Interest Lien	\$44.65
2020	Tax	\$3,233.79
2020	Trash Int Lien	\$1.50
2020	Trash Lien	\$134.77
2020	Water Lien	\$168.22
2020	Wtr Interest Lien	\$25.48

Assessed to MATZKO CATHERINE A and PETROPOULOS GEORGE TR

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 11000 Square Feet located and known as 1 EAST HILL RD shown on the Town of Monson Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 093-019 and being part of the premises recorded in book 22950 on page 402 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner PORTILLO LIDIA

2020	Tax	\$425.59
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Assessed To MCCARTHY MARILYN L

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon , approximately 21780 Square Feet located and known as 1 EAST HILL RD shown on the Town of Monson Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 151-021 and being part of the premises recorded in book 6585 on page 0277 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2020	CPA	\$5.16
2020	Tax	\$1,188.66
2020	Trash Int Lien	\$22.60
2020	Trash Lien	\$210.00

Assessed To MILLER WAYNE E

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 20091 Square Feet located and known as 11 MCCRAY CIRCLE shown on the Town of Monson Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 114-081 M and being part of the premises recorded in book 19311 on page 0477 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2020	Sewer Lien	\$195.32
2020	Tax	\$1,193.35
2020	Water Lien	\$108.95

Assessed to OCONNOR STEPHEN and OCONNOR ROBERT  
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 4.5 Acres located and known as OLD REED RD shown on the Town of Monson Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 166-003 and being part of the premises recorded in book 17184 on page 0035 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2020	Tax	\$127.89
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Assessed to ROBERT LEONA M and ROBERT LEONA M HEIRS AND DEVEISEES

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 21780 Square Feet located and known as 1 MACOMBER RD shown on the Town of Monson Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 091-023 and being part of the premises recorded in book 14214 on page 0010 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2020	CPA	\$6.75
2020	Tax	\$1,571.83

Dorothy P. Jenkins, CMMC, Collector of Taxes

10/28/2021

## Yuletide at the Stone House starts Nov. 6

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Historical Association's Board of Trustees announced that the annual Yuletide tradition continues in the form of an online Silent Auction.

"Like so many other organizations, the group had to cancel fundraisers again this year and we hope to make this one a great success!" said Tom Stockton, President of BHA. "The proceeds from the auction will all go to support the Stone House museum's the Washington District Schoolhouse renovation and other projects."

The Yuletide Silent Auction begins on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 9 a.m. and bids will close on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 11 p.m. Facebook will be used for the event @TheBelchertownStoneHouseMuseum to run the event online. (Note: you do not have to be a Facebook user to participate.) Visitors will see a variety of items to bid on, including original artwork, jewelry, gift baskets, wreaths and more.

Individuals who would like to

donate items for the auction are invited to download instructions and form at [stonehousemuseum.org/yuletide-2021-donation-form/](http://stonehousemuseum.org/yuletide-2021-donation-form/) or to contact Erica Morrison- Brazitis at [marickey@charter.net](mailto:marickey@charter.net) or 413-537-3218 or Mary Knight at [mfnknight@crocker.com](mailto:mfnknight@crocker.com) or 413-323-4806 for support. The deadline for donations to auction is Oct. 30.

We are requesting that donations be local for ease of pickup and delivery. If, for instance, a donor from out of state has an item, it would need to be sent by the donor to a friend in town for safe keeping until sold.

The Belchertown Historical Association was informally organized in the 1980s to preserve and study the history of

the town. The association was formally established in 1903 and used the town library to house artifacts and books. The acquisition of the Stone House enabled the association to open in 1922 as a museum to house all its own artifacts. The museum is supported by membership dues, admission fees, a small trust fund, and fundraising activities. The historical association and museum are governed by a Board of Trustees elected by the membership.

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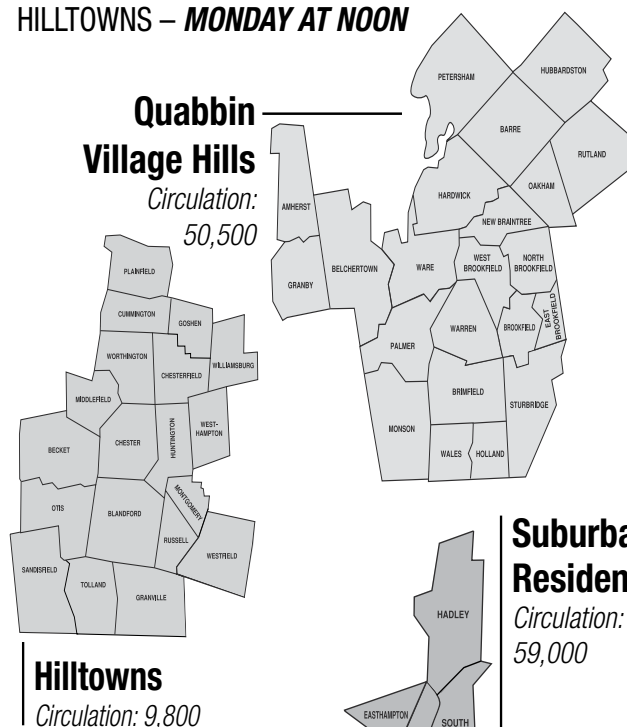
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# Baker-Polito Administration Releases Final 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan

BOSTON – In an effort to expand recycling of certain materials throughout the Commonwealth, the Baker-Polito Administration today announced new goals and strategies to further its efforts and published regulations to require recycling in several areas. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection’s Final 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan: Working Together Toward Zero Waste, sets a goal to reduce disposal 30 percent by 2030 and 90 percent by 2050, along with strategies to meet those goals. The final master plan followed an extensive public comment period and engagement on a previously published draft plan. Additionally, MassDEP issued regulations requiring the recycling of textiles and mattresses and increased requirements for food and organic materials.

“The Solid Waste Master Plan will significantly improve the Commonwealth’s waste management system and provide important environmental, climate and economic benefits,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Together, the Master Plan and the regulations set new, aggressive state-level waste reduction goals that align with our carbon emission reduction programs, invest in innovation and enhance ongoing engagement with communities across the Commonwealth.”

“Even though we’ve made progress over the years, too much trash in Massachusetts still contains

materials that can be recycled and reused,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “The Final 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan outlines a strategy to increase waste reduction and reuse, and further develop recycling market demand to support our recycling businesses.”

The Final 2030 Master Plan sets a goal to reduce disposal by 30% from 5.7 million tons in 2018 to 4 million tons in 2030, as well as a long-term goal to achieve a 90% reduction to 570,000 tons by 2050. The Plan also includes measures to align the 2030 Master Plan with the 2030 Clean Energy and Climate Plan and the 2050 Decarbonization Roadmap, linking with the Baker-Polito Administration’s goal to achieve Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions in 2050 by reaching a reduction of 300,000 metric tons of CO2 equivalent emissions annually from municipal waste combustors by reducing disposal of plastic materials at these facilities.

Furthermore, the plan includes initiatives to strengthen engagement with and support of Environmental Justice communities, including increasing engagement with EJ populations in all phases of MassDEP’s regulatory process, improving recycling grant evaluation criteria to recognize EJ community issues, promoting small-scale composting assistance to enable composting at community gardens in EJ areas, and promoting and encouraging

the use of electric and hybrid trash and recycling collection vehicles in EJ communities. It also announces increased recycling business development grants and a new recycling research and development grant program to drive innovation in recycling and waste reduction. This program will be developed in consultation with a new Recycling Market Development Council that will promote the use of recycled materials by state agencies.

“In order to meet our solid waste and climate goals, our state agencies and municipalities will need to build on the progress we’ve made through continued collaboration while improving in critical areas, including the development of programs that serve Environmental Justice communities,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “The Baker-Polito Administration is committed to advancing these goals through innovative approaches, like banning the disposal of mattresses and textiles, that will increase recycling and promote waste reduction, while simultaneously building a regulatory program that aligns with our ambitious climate and equity goals.”

MassDEP held an initial round of public hearings and a comment period in the fall of 2019 to gather public input on the Draft Solid Waste Master Plan. Then, with the urging and support of environmen-

tal advocacy organizations, MassDEP held a second round of public meetings and a second public comment period in the summer of 2020. In this second comment period, MassDEP sought comment specifically on concerns of Environmental Justice communities, connections between solid waste management and climate change, and COVID-19 impacts.

“The Final Plan places increased emphasis on waste reduction and reuse. MassDEP is working with hundreds of stakeholders to craft a Reduce and Reuse Action Plan, which will serve as Massachusetts’ first comprehensive action plan focused on reducing and reusing waste, not just recycling,” said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. “The Master Plan helps us chart a course to a future that involves less disposal, more reuse and recycling, greater citizen participation and better protection of our natural resources.”

MassDEP expects to publish the initial Reduce and Reuse Action Plan later this year, and then to continue to engage with stakeholders on a regular basis as the Plan is implemented and updated over the coming years. The agency will also form a Recycling Market Development Workgroup to obtain stakeholder input and engagement into the development of a comprehensive Recycling Market Development Action Plan.

While the Master Plan will be implemented over a 10-year period, and beyond, MassDEP is focused on launching major initiatives within one year of publishing the Final Plan. These key short-term initiatives include:

- Finalizing waste ban regulation amendments concurrent with this announcement that will ban the disposal of mattresses and textiles and lower the commercial food waste ban threshold from one ton to a half-ton per week effective November 2022.
- Completing Massachusetts’ first comprehensive Reduce & Reuse Action Plan by the end of 2021.
- Launching a new Recycling Market Development Workgroup and State Agency Recycling Market Development Council.
- Engaging stakeholders in developing revisions to MassDEP’s solid waste regulations, a process that will lead to publishing draft regulations in 2022.
- Modifying grant, assistance, education, and outreach programs to deliver increased assistance and resources and improve engagement with EJ communities. This will include expanding the availability of outreach materials in multiple languages.
- Working with the Legislature to share information on MassDEP’s programs and policies and to develop effective approaches to reduce the use of single-use packaging, ad-

vance extended producer responsibility systems for paint, mattresses, electronics, and other products and packaging, and develop approaches to ensure convenient statewide recycling access.

- Implementing MassDEP’s Minimum Performance Standard for facilities that process construction-and-demolition materials. This will ensure a level playing field across the industry and support increased recycling of these materials.

Finally, MassDEP will conduct a program review in 2025, including exploring the potential to establish a declining cap on carbon dioxide emissions from municipal waste combustors.

MassDEP’s mission is to protect and enhance the Commonwealth’s natural resources – air, water and land – to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all people, and a clean and safe environment for future generations. In carrying out this mission, MassDEP commits to address and advance environmental justice and equity for all people of the Commonwealth, provide meaningful, inclusive opportunities for people to participate in agency decisions that affect their lives, and ensure a diverse workforce that reflects the communities served by the agency.

# UMass Announces Upcoming Faculty Concerts by Michal, Arron, Vonsattel

AMHERST – Between Oct. 29 and Nov. 4, the University of Massachusetts Amherst Department of Music and Dance will present three concerts by members of its distinguished faculty. All three performances will take place in Bezanson Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. Please note that seating in Bezanson is limited due in part to the department’s new protocols regarding COVID-19.

On Friday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m., Associate Professor of French Horn Joshua Michal, will perform alongside faculty pianist Ludmila Krasin, piano. The program will include works by Daniel Baldwin, Ivan Jevtic, and Scott Michal (Joshua’s father), along with Zolt Nagy’s arrangement of the Theme from The Pink Panther and the premiere of a new arrangement of Soundtrack for Horn and Orchestra by Brian Sadler.

On Monday, Nov. 1 at 7:30

p.m., the department will present a performance by Assistant Professor of Cello Edward Arron and guest pianist Jeewon Park. The duo will perform Rachmaninoff’s Sonata in G minor for Cello and Piano, plus Mendelssohn’s Sonata in B-flat major for Cello and Piano, Pärt’s Spiegel im Spiegel, and Bach’s Sonata in G minor for Viola da Gamba and Harpsichord (played on cello and piano).

On Thursday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m., Professor of Piano Gilles Vonsattel will perform a program featuring Bach’s French Suite No. 3 in B minor, plus two of Beethoven’s most well-known piano sonatas – No. 21 in C major (“Waldstein”) and No. 23 in F minor (“Appassionata”).

Important COVID-19 information: In accordance with current guidance from the university regarding events in the Fine Arts Center, all attendees must wear a

face mask; those ages 12 and up must also be prepared to present either proof of full vaccination for COVID-19 (the original CDC vaccination record card, a copy of the card, or mobile photograph of the card) plus a matching photo ID bearing the same name; or proof of a negative COVID-19 test (PCR or antigen) with collection date and time stamp within 72 hours of the event. For UMass faculty, students, and staff, a valid UCard is sufficient to verify full vaccination.

Bezanson Recital Hall is located in the UMass Fine Arts Center, 151 Presidents Dr., Amherst, MA. Free parking is available in nearby University lot 71 off Massachusetts Avenue and lot 62 via Thatcher Way or Stockbridge Road. Visit the Fine Arts Center website for more information or refer to the UMass interactive parking map.

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Treat CLifeguards Jessica Kimball and Jaime Miner bring the beach to Trunk or Treat.



Old Mill Pond Elementary Principal Allison Petit and Assistant Principal of Old Mill Pond Elementary School Holly Reiope.



Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden  
Joseph Flebotte and Zack Marcinec show off their unique costumes.

# TRUNK or Treat saw plenty of characters

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## Sweet treats bring in Halloweeners

PALMER – One would assume every resident of Palmer attended the annual Trunk or Treat event on Friday, Oct. 22. From 6 to 8 p.m., the parking lot of Converse Middle School was filled with residents who went from one car trunk to another, to collect candy.

Participants for Trunk or Treat included the Palmer Fire Department, Palmer Ambulance Services, J. Stolar Insurance Agency, the Palmer Public Library and many others.

Trunk or Treat served as a fundraiser for the Old Mill Pond Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization, while offering sweets from scary and not-so-scary vehicle trunks.

PTO Vice-president Allison Swiatlowski said she was happy with the event. “I am most satisfied about the turnout itself,” Swiatlowski said. “Because of the times that we’re in, I didn’t know that people would want to come out to a crowded event and clearly, this is exactly what people need.”

Zach and Ooju Penny dress up as the ultimate duo, a yodeler and Baby Yoda.



Maria Rodriguez and the Santa Family decided to dress up as some of the iconic characters from the Mario franchise.



The Journal Register's very own sales representative Michelle Dodge hands out candy to the guests.



Young Adult Services Librarian from the Palmer Public Library Bridget Kennedy in the middle of passing out candy.



Shannon Slavis shows off her Nightmare Before Christmas display.



For Trunk or Treat, Lynnaiya Enriquez dressed up as everyone's favorite knuckleheaded ninja, Naruto Uzumaki.



Not only did Stephen Lafave honor Michael Jackson by dressing up as him, but he learned some of his special dance moves too.



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